

Lovell
for CONSTRUCTION

FINANCIAL TIMES

PUBLISHED IN LONDON AND FRANKFURT

Monday January 14 1980

No. 28,066

***20p

CONTINENTAL SELLING PRICES: AUSTRIA Sch 15; BELGIUM Fr 25; DENMARK Kr 4.25; FRANCE Fr 4; GERMANY DM 2.0; ITALY L 700; NETHERLANDS Fl 2.0; NORWAY Kr 4.25; PORTUGAL Esc 35; SPAIN Ptas 70; SWEDEN Kr 3.75; SWITZERLAND Fr 2.0; EURO 20p; MALTA 20c

NEWS SUMMARY

GENERAL
UN
hostage
hopes
dashed

Iranian authorities yesterday dashed UN hopes that a solution could be reached on the embassy hostages without a U.S. motion for economic sanctions against Iran being put to the vote.

The vote was twice delayed at the weekend as UN officials sought clarification of a message from Tehran, but it became clear the letter to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim did not amount to a new initiative.

Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Qotbzadeh told him the only solution was an international inquiry commission into the alleged crimes of the Shah, his extradition, and the return to Iran of his property. Back Page

Mosque details
The Saudi Royal Family held a five-day conference to give the final version of the attack on the Grand Mosque in Mecca, the first time it has discussed internal Saudi politics in this manner. Back Page

CBI on cuts
The CBI told the Government there should be no further cuts in State aid to the private sector following increasing concern among leading industrialists about poor profitability of UK companies. Back Page

Labour's 'cancer'
Labour's national executive is to be pressed to take urgent action to combat Trotskyite infiltration of the party. Former party national agent, Lord Uxbridge, said the group was like "a cancer". Page 4

Gas price moves
Opposition to the Government's plans for 30 per cent rises in gas prices began to build when Ministers were asked how they intend to use the increased income. Page 4

Lance trial
Bert Lance, President Carter's former close adviser and once US budget director, facing trial in Atlanta today on bank fraud charges, claimed his right to a fair trial has been hampered by "leaks" of Grand Jury information. Page 5

Presley hearing
Elvis Presley's doctor George Nichopoulos faces a hearing in Memphis today charged with gross incompetence, ignorance or negligence in prescribing nearly 12,000 pills for the singer before his death in 1977. Page 5

Bank protection
Irish banks are to install security devices at the homes of managers and assistant managers following the kidnapping of five bank managers in the past year and the payment of £250,000 in ransom money. Page 5

Monumental task
Police "arrested" a 10 foot shaggy statue of comedian Charlie Chaplin found loitering in Leicester Square yesterday. One of the founders of a fund to erect a permanent tribute in London for Chaplin said: "We know nothing about this monumental waste of police time." Page 5

Briefly
Yugoslavian President Tito, 87, is recovering well after surgery to clear a vein blockage in his leg.

Ministry of Agriculture confirmed an outbreak of swine vesicular disease at a Greater Manchester farm.

Alan Jones of Australia, in a Williams, won the Argentine Grand Prix, first event of this year's Formula One championship. Page 5

BUSINESS
Italian
trade
gap sets
record

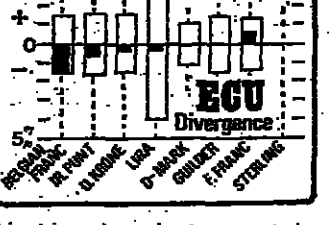
ITALY'S trade deficit in November was £1,458bn (£810m), more than double the previous worst shortfall, provisional figures show. Back Page

POST OFFICE first-half financial results are expected to show a loss on the postal business and less profit than expected in telecommunications. Page 5

BRITISH GAS is to open a centre at Killingholme, Humberside, to develop technology for making substitute natural gas. Back Page

LORD THOMSON of Fleet has achieved an unfulfilled ambition of his father, the first Lord Thomson, in winning control of the Toronto Globe and Mail. Page 16

POLITICAL and economic events in Europe provoked little change in the European Monetary System last week. The French Government survived two confidence motions, and a political crisis in Belgium was averted. At the same time, the Dutch Government imposed a wage freeze and the Governor of the Danish National Bank spoke of his country's approaching an economic abyss. Nevertheless, sterling was the only European currency to show any sharp movement. It rose to the firmest level since early August, moving above the agreed 24 per cent range from central rates, which regulates all EMS currencies except the lira. The pound is not a member of the system, but influences the EMS by its inclusion in European Currency Unit calculations. The French franc remained the strongest member, followed by the Dutch guilder and D-mark, which tended to ease after the previous week's sharp rise. Page 16



The charts show the two constraints on European exchange rates. The upper grid, based on the weakest currency in the system defines the rate at which no currency (except the lire) may move more than 2 1/2 per cent. The lower chart shows each currency's divergence from its central rate against the European Currency Unit (ECU). It still a basket of European currencies.

SOCIETE GENERALE, the French State-owned banking group, is negotiating with Strauss, Turbitt and Co., the London brokers, with a view to co-operating in the securities business. Back Page

RELIANT MOTOR, of Tamworth, is to introduce a new model soon in the UK. It has also agreed with Otosan of Turkey jointly to develop a new, medium car. Page 4

LOCKHEED has discovered a potential market for its projected twin-engine version of the Hercules four-engine transport aircraft and is to start design and development at once. Page 4

ENGINEERING union's internal inquiry into BL's dismissal of Mr. Derek Robinson, Longbridge convenor, is likely to find in his favour and lead to a defence campaign. Page 5

U.S. steps up drive to penalise Soviet Union

BY DAVID BUCHAN IN WASHINGTON

The U.S. has stepped up its international drive to penalise the Soviet Union for its intervention in Afghanistan.

In talks here on Saturday the U.S. won the agreement of four other major grain exporters—the European Community, Canada, Australia and Argentina—that they would not directly or indirectly replace the 17m-ton U.S. grain sale to the Soviet Union cancelled by President Carter.

Representatives from Argentina were persuaded by the U.S. to subscribe to this statement of intent, thus apparently reversing the previous public stance of their Government.

To build on this achievement, Mr. Warren Christopher, Deputy Secretary of State, left on a 3-day visit to Europe yesterday with a twin aim:

● To enlist allied help in re-arming Pakistan to counter any Soviet aggression over its border with Afghanistan.

● To persuade Washington's allies to apply financial and economic sanctions against Iran, regardless of what is achieved through the UN Security Council.

Mr. Christopher is accompanied on his trip by top economic officials and experts on South West Asia. He will visit London, Paris, Bonn and Rome, and consult the allies as a group in Brussels.

The U.S. contribution to bolstering Pakistan's security was the subject of a weekend meeting here between Mr. Asha Shahi, the Pakistan Government's Foreign Affairs Adviser, and Mr. Cyrus Vance, the U.S. Secretary of State.

No details were given of how the U.S. is prepared to reverse its arms ban on Pakistan. But one official termed the session as "A detailed exploration of what they would like to have from us and how they are equipped."

Chinese support for Pakistan emerged clearly from the Peking visit last week by Mr. Harold Brown, the U.S. Defence Secretary. But Washington is also seeking European allied help, partly to allay fears in India of any purely U.S.-China-Pakistan axis.

British aid to Pakistan will undoubtedly figure in talks this week in Islamabad between the Pakistan Government and Lord Carrington, Britain's Foreign Secretary.

The Carter Administration yesterday had no immediate comment on the tough statement from Mr. Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviet President, who attacked Mr. Carter for the U.S. response to events in Afghanistan. Officials, pleased by the outcome of the Washington grain talks and hopeful that allies will not undercut the U.S. ban on high-technology exports to Moscow, commented that acts by Washington's friends and allies were beginning to speak louder than words.

Argentina was not represented at any high level in the Saturday talks. But its officials "were very strongly persuaded by our case," Mr. Dale Hathaway, U.S. Under-Secretary of Agriculture, said afterwards.

In a formal statement, Mr. Hathaway said that in spite of Argentina's earlier complaint that the U.S. was trying to impose its will on other grain exporters, Washington had been assured that Argentina did not intend "to take trade advantages from the present international situation."

For its part, the U.S. assured other grain producers that it would not switch markets from the Soviet Union to other countries.

Continued on Back Page

Private sector steel men ready to defy strike call

BY PHILIP BASSETT, LABOUR STAFF

STEELWORKERS from private steel plants in Sheffield decided at the weekend to disregard any instructions to them from their union, the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, to join the British Steel strike.

The decision by delegates representing about 3,000 private-sector steelworkers in Sheffield comes ahead of a meeting tomorrow by representatives of all the ISTC's 15,000 members in the private sector of the industry on whether they should join the British Steel strike. The full executive of the union will take its decision on Wednesday.

Union officials were not, however, drawing any inferences from the decision, which was likely to have been made by the Sheffield meeting. Mr. Jack Pickles, ISTC divisional officer for South Yorkshire, said the feeling at the meeting was extremely strong, but that it stemmed mainly from the heavy picketing last week of private steel works in Sheffield by BSC strikers against the instructions of the executive.

Having seen 600 private sector workers laid off already, he said, the delegates were determined not to worsen their own position by joining any action the union might propose.

Local Sheffield officials will today urge strikers to ease their picketing of private steelworks and concentrate instead on stockholders who built up supplies before the strike began. Picketing in Scotland is likely to be increasingly switched from the closed BSC plants to steel users. South Coast ports are also to be picketed this week to maintain dockers' solidarity against steel imports.

Steelworkers from Corby and Yorkshire plan to set up what they describe as a "Grunwick-size" picket line today outside the East Anglian steel stockists John Lee, at Grantham, Lincs, to prevent the movement of steel supplies.

Some ISTC officials were reported to be considering arbitration as a possible means of ending the strike.

● A Labour MP is to call today for a statement from Mr. Michael Heseltine, Environment Secretary, on the increasingly likely prospect of a national strike by 33,000 manual workers in the water supply and sewerage industry.

Negotiations seem likely to be resumed between the unions and the National Water Council, probably next week, after the two smaller unions in the industry have made their expected declarations on Wednesday of the readiness for industrial action.

The water committee of the National and Local Government Officers' Association, which represents supervisors in the industry, is also due to meet on Wednesday to assess the likelihood of action.

Labour plans Commons attack. Back Page

Venezuela seeks \$2.5bn credits

BY OUR CARACAS CORRESPONDENT

THE VENEZUELAN Government will seek between \$2.5bn (£1.1bn) and \$3.5bn (£1.55bn) in credits on foreign capital markets this year, the Director of Public Credit at Venezuela's Ministry of Finance, said.

The official, Mr. Hernan Oyarzabal, said that most of the new credits would be used to re-finance the Government's existing debt and the remainder would constitute new borrowing.

He added that the administration of President Luis Herrera Campins would at the same time apply "a substantial portion" of its new petroleum receipts this year to reduce the level of outstanding foreign obligations.

The Venezuelan Government, which runs the largest petroleum exporting industry in Latin America, expects that new oil prices announced this far will bring in additional revenues of between \$2.3bn and \$3.5bn in 1980.

In spite of Venezuela's steady, multi-billion dollar a year petroleum income since 1974, the Government, which left office last March, chose to finance part of its ambitious national development scheme with external funds. The development programme encompassed big projects in steel, aluminium, agriculture, public works, social welfare and other areas.

The Herrera regime, which has been in office for over 10 months, inherited the development programme and the highest level of public debt in the country's history. Most of the debts involved loans from overseas banks.

At the present, Herrera Administration officials are still trying to calculate the total debt left behind by the previous regime, headed by President Carlos Andres Perez. He is under investigation for his alleged participation in a corruption scandal.

Bookkeeping practices in many of the scores of State-owned companies and decentralised institutes were called "chaotic" by one member of the Herrera Cabinet.

Many Government institutions borrowed abroad indiscriminately during 1978—an election year—and were subject to little or no control by the central government. As a result, billions of dollars in short-term debt were contracted and often not included in the previous government's statement of foreign obligations.

At the present, Mr. Oyarzabal said the Government estimates the total foreign debt owed by the central Government and State-owned agencies at \$13.3bn. This is more than \$5bn above the total given by the previous regime upon leaving office, because much borrowing during the last months of the Perez regime went unrecorded.

Attempt to phase out flags of convenience

By William Hall, Shipping Correspondent

A BID to phase out flags of convenience shipping is expected to be launched at an UNCTAD working group meeting which starts in Geneva today. If successful the move would lead to a major restructuring of the world's shipping fleet—about a third is registered under flags of convenience.

The countries which have most to lose if flags of convenience are abolished are Liberia, with a fifth of the total world fleet; and Panama and Singapore, which control 5.1 per cent and 1.8 per cent respectively.

However, all the world's major maritime nations own ships that are registered under flags of convenience and the phasing out of open registries, as they are technically termed, would lead to increased inefficiency and sharply higher shipping costs.

The attack on flags of convenience will be launched under the auspices of the "ad hoc inter-governmental working group on the economic consequences of the existence or lack of a genuine link between vessel and flag of registry," which starts a 10-day meeting today. The group's first meeting was in Geneva in February 1978.

Roughly 70 per cent of the 406m gross ton world shipping fleet is employed in bulk shipping but the developing countries own just 7 per cent. The UNCTAD secretariat argues that phasing out flags of convenience fleets would lead to a growth in the shipping fleets of the developing countries.

However, developed countries fear that this is just the first stage of a two-pronged attack. The second step would be the introduction of cargo sharing and the reservation of bulk cargoes for developing countries. This would have serious repercussions for countries such as Britain which still have big bulk shipping fleets.

The working group has been reconvened as a result of the UNCTAD V meeting in Manila last summer. Then the developing countries demanded the right of trading partners in a particular trade to reserve bulk cargoes for their own vessels. The developed countries argued that this would increase costs and thus work against both shipping and trade interests of all countries.

By a majority the Conference adopted resolution 120 (V) on cargo sharing which incorporates the essence of the developing countries' proposals. The developed countries firmly opposed the resolution, and the socialist countries of Eastern Europe abstained.

The water committee of the National and Local Government Officers' Association, which represents supervisors in the industry, is also due to meet on Wednesday to assess the likelihood of action.

Labour plans Commons attack. Back Page

Mass rally greets Nkomo

BY BRIDGET BLOOM AND QUENTIN PEEL IN SALISBURY

MR. JOSHUA NKOMO, co-leader of the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance, returned yesterday to Rhodesia to a tumultuous welcome by the biggest crowd seen in Salisbury for several years.

Returning after more than three years in exile, where he has built the Zipra wing of the guerrillas, he called for reconciliation in the war-torn country, but charged the British Administration with violations of the ceasefire agreement.

He called for the Rhodesian security forces to be immobilised in the same way as the guerrillas, and for the Commonwealth ceasefire monitoring force to be greatly increased in size, to at least 5,000.

Mr. Nkomo, veteran of more than 25 years' African nationalist leadership, arrived from Lusaka with some 200 supporters and executives of his Zimbabwe African People's Union.

He was greeted at a mass rally in the Salisbury township of Highfield by a crowd officially estimated by police at 120,000, a figure likely to be conservative.

Mr. Nkomo called for all sides to call an end to the struggle. "It is a tragedy that we had to fight, but, having fought, let us say to each other it is all over," he said.

While all racism must be crushed, so too must "tribalism and sectionalism."

He admitted that the other wing of the Front, Mr. Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union, had decided to contest the elections as a separate party.

ZAPU would still contest as the Patriotic Front, he said. "We believe that the Patriotic Front is not a closed shop for ZAPU and ZANU. It is a Patriotic Front for all patriotic forces in Zimbabwe."

Virtually all banners and T-shirts at the rally proclaimed the Patriotic Front, rather than ZAPU, describing the alliance as liberators, peacekeepers, and means of future unity and stability.

But behind the split is the strong influence of tribalism, for Mr. Nkomo still draws the great bulk of his support from the Ndebele in Matabeleland, while ZANU is overwhelmingly the party of the majority Shona tribe.

Big Rhodesia capital spending predicted

BY ANDREW TAYLOR

CAPITAL spending by Rhodesia could exceed £2bn in the next five years, according to a team of British company directors who arrived back from Salisbury yesterday.

The six-man team, which included Mr. James Moorfoot, chairman of Kodak, and Mr. Robert Steven, chairman of Sedgwick Forbes Bland Payne UK, the insurance group, said there were significant export opportunities for British industry and commerce, given a stable political climate in Rhodesia.

Mr. Moorfoot said spending was likely to be on capital goods and services rather than consumer products.

The fact-finding mission, organised by the Institute of Directors, spent a week interviewing Rhodesian leaders of business and commerce and senior officials of all the major political factions except Mr. Robert Mugabe's ZANU party.

The directors said they found few signs of antagonism to British companies in the aftermath of sanctions, but competition for orders would be tough.

Continued on Back Page

Who is No.1 in lift trucks...

HYSTER?

SEE PAGE 3

CONTENTS	
Unemployment: A payroll regulator	10
Iran: The question of syndicated loans	11
Management: flames to warm City hearts	7
Law courts: Legal tangle	
Arts	9
Appointments	15
Base Rates	16
Building Notes	16
Businessman's Dry	15
UK Company News	12
Letters	15
Crossword	8
Entertainment Gde.	8
Euromarkets	13
Euro-options	15
for Luxembourg	8
Editorial comment: Responding to Moscow; Lloyds	10
Lombard: down with John of Gaunt	8
International bond: Quotation and yields	Inset
15 O's News	2
15 Racing	18
15 Share Information	18
15 Sport	20
15 Technical Page	9
15 Today's Events	71
15 TV and Radio	8
15 UK News	4, 5
15 Unit Trusts	20
15 Weather	20
15 World Econ. Ind.	3
15 World Trade	3

For latest Share Index phone 01-346 8028

ZIA SEEKS BROAD SUPPORT EFFORT

Pakistan presents aid request to U.S.

BY DAVID HOUSEGO IN ISLAMABAD

LORD CARRINGTON, the Foreign Secretary, arrives here today for talks with President Zia ul-Haq at a delicate moment in the negotiations over the scale of Western assistance to Pakistan after the Soviet invasion of neighbouring Afghanistan.

Pakistan is seeking a substantial package of military and economic aid from the U.S., including a major debt rescheduling. Sophisticated fighter bombers, tanks, artillery and communications equipment are said to be high on the shopping list that a senior Pakistani military mission, led by Gen. Gulamjilani, Secretary-General

for Defence, and Gen. K. M. Arif, the President's military adviser, has taken to Washington. On Saturday, Mr. Agha Shahi, the President's foreign affairs adviser, met Mr. Cyrus Vance, the U.S. Secretary of State, for five hours before seeing President Carter.

The U.S. cut aid to Pakistan last year because of its nuclear ambitions, but now Pakistan's military leadership is also seeking guarantees of security of supply.

The mission to the U.S. is part of a wider effort to seek assistance that includes further support from China and the Moslem world, particularly

Saudi Arabia. Pakistan is trying to convene a meeting of Moslem Ministers later this month as preparatory to a Moslem summit. It does not wish to jeopardise its position in the Islamic world and among non-aligned states by being too dependent on the U.S.

The Chinese Foreign Minister, Huang Hua, is due to visit Pakistan on January 18. Though Western nations have accepted the principle of increased aid to Pakistan, diplomats here recognise it carries the risk of bolstering the unpopular military regime of Gen. Zia and that the West has no way, for instance, of preventing the army from using new

military equipment to crack down on dissent in the minority province of Baluchistan to an extent that could increase the problem.

More worrying to Western diplomats is the possibility that Pakistan's refurbishing of its outdated military equipment could spark off an arms race on the subcontinent. Lord Carrington, who is due to visit Delhi after Pakistan, is expected to try to reassure Mrs. Gandhi that the strengthening of Pakistan's military capability is not directed at India and that her electoral success gives her the strength to take a more relaxed view of Pakistan. Britain is

supplying India with 200 Jaguar aircraft as part of a major re-equipping of the Indian armed forces that could cost many billions of dollars.

Gen. Zia has, as yet, failed to exploit the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan to rally public support to his regime on the basis of the nation being in danger. Leaders of the Pakistan National Alliance, opposed to the late Mr. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, have pressed him to relax censorship and allow renewed political activity so that popular opinion can be rallied against the threat from the Soviet Union. Gen. Zia, who postponed



Afghanistan

Bonn toughens on Soviet action in Afghanistan

BY JONATHAN CARR IN BONN

WEST GERMANY is taking a notably tougher public stance towards the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, firmly underlining its support for the U.S. and warning Moscow against similar action elsewhere.

At the weekend, Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, said West Germany would take no action which undermined the embargo measures already announced by President Carter.

Herr Genscher stressed that NATO meant security not only for its own members but also for countries beyond it, for example it helped safeguard the independence of Yugoslavia.

The reference to Yugoslavia follows a statement by a Bonn Government spokesman that a situation like that in Afghanistan could not occur in Europe thanks to NATO and its early warning system. Together, the comments are felt to reflect heightened concern about possible Soviet intentions, not least in view of President Tito's poor health.

At a meeting of the West German Security Council last week, attended by Bonn's ambassador to Moscow, no firm evidence was presented to indi-

cate that President Leonid Brezhnev had been overruled by other Politburo members over Afghanistan. Herr Genscher stressed that however the Politburo had voted, those who favoured the military occupation of Afghanistan clearly had the decisive influence.

Government sources say Bonn is determined to follow three main courses of action:

● The dialogue with the Soviet Union and its allies must be continued and has, if anything, become more important.

● Bonn is ready to ensure that West German companies do not step into the breach left by the existing U.S. embargo.

● Bonn will press other EEC member states tomorrow for a Community initiative to help stabilise the Middle East. Robert Graham adds from Madrid: Sr. Adolfo Suarez, the Spanish Prime Minister, is due in Washington today for hurriedly arranged talks with President Carter, prompted by the Afghan crisis. The talks are expected to centre on three aspects of Spanish diplomacy: Spain's attitude towards NATO membership, the interpretation of the U.S. Spanish Defence Treaty and Spain as a potential mediator in the Middle East.

Indian support for Russia at UN startles Third World members

BY K. K. SHARMA IN NEW DELHI

INDIA'S intervention in the U.N. General Assembly debate on Afghanistan at the weekend has startled several Third World countries because of its pronounced pro-Soviet stance. The intervention could also mean a change in the thrust of the country's foreign policy now that Mrs. Indira Gandhi is to become Prime Minister again.

India's UN representative received instructions on his speech after Mrs. Gandhi reversed the stand taken on

December 31 by Mr. Charan Singh, the caretaker Prime Minister. He had then summoned the Soviet Ambassador to demand a withdrawal of Russian troops from Afghanistan.

India's UN representative told the General Assembly that Moscow had assured New Delhi that it would withdraw its troops from Afghanistan as soon as possible. "We have no reason to doubt assurances, particularly from the Soviet Union with whom we have many close

ties," he said. The apparent pro-Soviet tilt is seen here as the result of several factors. Foremost of these is India's dependence on Russia for political support on issues such as Kashmir and the border dispute with China and the close economic links forged between Moscow and New Delhi over the past decade.

The Soviet Union is now India's largest single trading partner. A trade protocol signed between the two countries envisages a turnover of

Rs 17bn (\$2bn) in 1980, a record.

This includes such vital supplies as 1.5m tonnes of crude oil and another 2m tonnes of petroleum products like kerosene now in short supply in India and which the country is finding increasingly difficult to obtain from the Arabs.

Not announced as part of the trade protocol, but very much a part of it, are strategic and defence supplies from the Soviet Union. The shopping list includes armour and artillery

for India's defence modernisation programme.

India and the Soviet Union signed a 15-year friendship treaty in 1971 which many fear has driven the country too near the Soviet camp. This feeling was shared by the Janata Government that succeeded Mrs. Gandhi after sweeping her out of power in the 1977 general election.

Mr. Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister, promised to introduce "genuine" non-alignment. By this he meant he

would correct the tilt towards the Soviet Union that emerged in India's foreign policy under Mrs. Gandhi.

With Mrs. Gandhi back in power, close links with Russia may be revived. She has already spoken of the danger of the U.S. presence in the Indian Ocean and its newly-established ties with China. She has also hinted that she feels the U.S. is sending arms and training to the rebels in the region. This, she reckons, is acting as a destabilising factor.

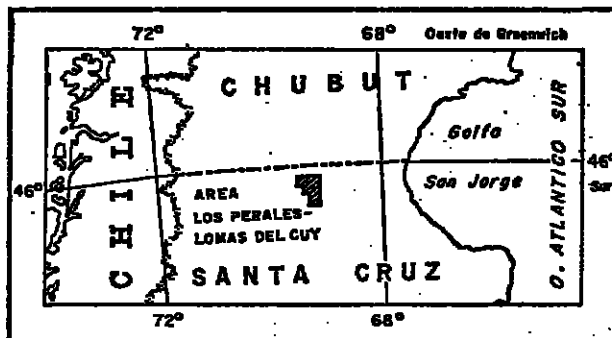
CONTRACTS AND TENDERS



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA
YACIMIENTOS PETROLIFEROS FISCALES
SOCIEDAD DEL ESTADO

Call for bids contracting hydrocarbons development and exploitation, according to the following detail:

LOCATION MAP



AREA: 91.360 ha 98 x 65 ca

TENDER NO.	AREA	OPENING DATE
14-036/79	"LOS PERALES-LOMAS DEL CUY" (Golfo San Jorge Basin) Provincia de Santa Cruz	April 24 1980 at 10:00 am

* Tender condition set value: The equivalent of US\$ 7.500 in Argentine pesos, payable according to the seller rate of exchange of the Banco de la Nación Argentina in force on the day before the purchase.

* Opening of the bids will take place at the "General Belgrano" Hall, No. 777 Roque Sáenz Peña Avenue, 13th floor, at the above mentioned time.

* The parties interested in bidding in this tender can buy Special and General Conditions of Tender at the GERENCIA DE LICITACIONES Y NEGOCIACIONES, Suite 902, 9th floor, at 777 Roque Sáenz Peña Avenue, Buenos Aires, Mondays through Fridays from 8:45 am to 12:30 pm and 2:15 to 3:15 pm from January 2nd, 1980.

* Information about this tender can also be obtained at our Technical and Commercial Office in the U.S.A. Argentine Government Oilfields place in Houston, Texas, 3616 Richmond Avenue, Suite 710.

Argentine Republic

Ministry of Economy
State Secretariat of Energy
Hidronor S.A.

Hidroeléctrica Norpatagónica Sociedad Anónima
Alicopa Complex
Alicurá Hydroelectric Project

Prequalification of contractors:

Contract No. 541—supply of electric auxiliary equipment

In connection with a subsequent call for tenders for design, manufacture, transport, erection, testing and commissioning of electric auxiliary equipment, Hidronor S.A. will receive and analyse the qualifications and references of those firms or consortia of firms that have adequate technical capacity and wish to take part in the call for tenders.

—isolated phase bus and switch-gears

—generator—main transformer blocks protective devices boards.

Contract No. 542—erection of electric auxiliary equipment

In connection with a subsequent call for tenders for the erection, of electric auxiliary equipment, Hidronor S.A. will receive and analyse the qualifications and references of those firms or consortia of firms that have adequate technical and financial capacity and wish to take part in the call for tenders.

(1) erection and commissioning of the following electric auxiliary equipment.

- isolated phase bus and switch-gears
- distribution transformers
- main and secondary mv and lv-ac switch boards, including mee-dc switch boards
- batteries and battery chargers
- protective device boards

(2) supply, laying and connection of:

- 132 kv power cables
- lv-ac and dc power cables
- control cables
- grounding cables for connection of non-conductive parts of electric devices and other parts to general grounding system (including fittings)
- telephonic system cables
- supply of conduits cable-trays and others including accessories for the above-mentioned cables and for all the cables of the "supply and erection of automation and control systems" contract.

(3) supply, erection and commissioning of the lighting and outlet system, including emergency systems

(4) idem idem for the clock system.

(5) idem idem for the call signalling system

(6) idem idem for the fire alarm system

(7) idem idem for the distributor board of cables at power house

(8) tests for commissioning and industrial operation

Terms of reference:

The procedure for submission of data and the characteristics of the supply are set in the corresponding prequalification document which may be obtained personally either from Hidronor, S.A., Av. Leandro N. Alem 1074, 5th Floor, 1001, Buenos Aires, Argentina, or at the main offices of Electrowatt Engineering Services Ltd., Ballerstrasse 36, CH-8022, Zurich, Switzerland, and SWECO AB, 2, Lindegatan S-102 41, P.O. Box 5038, Stockholm 5, Sweden, as from December 17, 1979. The envelopes containing the qualifications and references of the firms or consortia concerned shall be submitted to Hidronor S.A., Av. Leandro N. Alem 1074, 5th Floor, 1001, Buenos Aires, Argentina, before 4 p.m., February 28, 1980.

Egyptians arrest extremists

By Roger Matthews in Cairo
HUNDREDS OF suspected Moslem extremists are reported to have been detained in Alexandria, Egypt's second largest city, after two bomb attacks on Christian churches last week. One person, believed to have been carrying a bomb, was killed, and at least eight others were injured.

The authorities have imposed a domestic news blackout on the attacks, but Mr. Nahawi Ismail, the Interior Minister, warned yesterday about the threat of plots aimed at destroying national unity.

Arrests have also been reported from other Egyptian towns, and leading members of the Coptic Christian community (about 10 per cent of the population) are alarmed at a possible surge in Islamic fundamentalism. The Alexandria bomb attacks took place on the night of January 6, the Coptic Christmas Eve, and there have been reports of other minor forms of agitation by alleged members of the banned Moslem Brotherhood.

Security generally has been tightened during the past few weeks, in response to what the authorities see as three areas of possible trouble: discontent over increased prices, the arrival in Cairo of an Israeli diplomatic mission, which is to begin work on February 28, and the reaction among a relatively small minority to events in Iran and Afghanistan. The Government has now asked the Soviet Union to cut its diplomatic staff in Cairo. The Foreign Ministry has declined to say how many Soviet diplomats are being expelled.

Safety move for DC-10s

By David Buchan in Washington
THE U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has ordered airlines to install new safety devices on their DC-10s to try to prevent a repetition of the type of crash which killed 273 people in Chicago last May.

The order is legally binding only on U.S. airlines, which have eight months to comply, but the FAA expected foreign carriers to make the changes as well. The DC-10 is built in the U.S. by McDonnell-Douglas, and is certified here. The two new warning devices are two independently operating systems to track what happens to wing flaps, and a "stickbreaker," which shakes the control levers to alert pilots that they may be about to stall.

Italian Foreign Minister quits

By Rupert Cornwell in Rome
SIC. FRANCESCO COS- SIGA's minority Government was weakened further yesterday by the resignation of Sig. Franco Maria Malfatti, the Foreign Minister in the five-month-old Administration. Sig. Malfatti's departure, because of ill health, could also have repercussions within Europe. Italy has just begun its six-month term as president of the EEC Council. The Italian's main task will be to find a compromise—if one is possible—on Britain's net contribution to the EEC budget, which Mrs. Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Government is determined to eradicate. Sig. Cosiga will visit London on January 29 and 30.

Seoul devalues won in bid to boost trade

BY PHILIP BOWRING IN HONG KONG

SOUTH KOREA'S 18.55 per cent devaluation of the won on Saturday—from 494 to 580 to \$1—could mark the beginning of a period of relative weakness for the currencies of the dynamic but small and trade-dependent economies of the East and South East Asian region.

These currencies are reacting to the strain of higher oil prices and to the need for competitive prices which will sustain export volumes as Western markets stagnate and possibly contract.

The won's devaluation was probably delayed by the weakness of the U.S. dollar. But it was a prime candidate for a change for two reasons: ● It is particularly vulnerable to the rise in oil prices, partly because it has a large heavy and energy-intensive industrial sector. Before the devaluation a trade deficit for this year of \$5bn was forecast compared with \$4bn in 1979 and only \$1.8bn in 1978.

● Domestic inflationary pressures have, as in the past, been much higher in South Korea than in neighbouring countries. Consumer price increases have been running at close to 20 per cent compared with around 15 per cent in Hong Kong, 10 per cent in Taiwan, and little over 5 per cent in Malaysia and Singapore.

South Korea's last devaluation, in late 1974, was also prompted by energy costs and the need to retain international competitiveness in the face of world recession.

Taiwan is the most immediately concerned country, being the most directly competitive and, like South Korea,

relying most heavily on the U.S. market. Taiwan's trade balance is still in the black, but its surplus has been declining while inflation has been rising. The new Taiwan dollar, which was revalued upwards against the U.S. dollar in 1978, looks firm enough.

The free-floating Hong Kong dollar has improved sharply against the weak U.S. dollar to HK\$4.91 from a low last year of HK\$5.30. But the strength has been associated more with capital inflow than trade performance.

Singapore is less concerned because it is not as dependent as Hong Kong on exports of mass-production consumer goods. The island is also reaping some of the benefits of the commodity price booms enjoyed by Indonesia and Malaysia.

There was a small devaluation of the Thai baht against the dollar two years ago. Another may now be on the cards. The Philippines may use the occasion of a shift from a fixed peso-dollar rate to a peso/basket fix to expected sometime this year, to adjust the peso downwards.

FINANCIAL TIMES, published daily except on Sundays and public holidays. U.S. subscribers receive two copies per week. Second class postage paid at New York, N.Y., and at additional mailing offices.

Bos Kalis Westminster
announce their new construction company
Boskalis Westminster Construction Ltd

- * Building
- * Civil Engineering
- * Development

The company is co-located with its Bromborough based Group company, Land & Marine Construction Ltd.

For all enquiries please contact:

D.H. de Winter, P.E. Brooker or R.S. Fisher

Boskalis Westminster Construction Ltd
Port Causeway, Bromborough, Wirral,
Merseyside L62 4TG
Tel: 051 644 9222 Telex: 627436

A member of the Royal Bos Kalis Westminster Group N.V.

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE PORTUGAL

MECHANICAL INDUSTRIES PROJECT

The Government of Portugal has requested a loan from the World Bank to assist in financing a new steel foundry and a valve manufacturing plant in Companhia Metalúrgica Nacional, S.A.R.L. (COMETNA) and additional machinery for the power generation manufacturing division of Sociedade Reunidas de Fabricações Metálicas, S.A.R.L. (SOREFAME). At present, machinery and equipment valued at around U.S.\$9 million for the power generation equipment manufacturing division of SOREFAME is planned to be procured through international competitive bidding according to the World Bank procurement guidelines. It is intended to be used for the manufacture of hydro-generation units of up to 300 MW and comprises:

- large heat treatment furnace.
- automatic welding manipulator
- welding machines and positioners
- large machine tools, such as vertical boring mill, NC-controlled lathes, parallel lathes, boring and milling machines, jig boring machine, centreless grinding machine
- air replacement systems
- automatic horizontal band saw
- cooling chamber
- double action hydraulic unit
- trailers
- alternators and test equipment

Suppliers and manufacturers who wish to participate in bidding for this equipment are requested to apply for prequalification by contacting SOREFAME at the address shown below. Interested parties must send their replies, indicating the items from the above categories that they would like to seek prequalification for, so as to reach the above address within one month of the date of this notice.

SOREFAME — Sociedade Reunidas de Fabricações Metálicas, S.A.R.L.
Apartado 5, P-2701 Amadora CODEX, PORTUGAL
Telex 12608
Attn. Mr. J. Freitas Rodrigues

Algeria to scale down industrial expansion plans

ALGIERS—Algeria must scale down its ambitious industrialisation programme, which is excessively reliant on financial and technical assistance from overseas, the ruling National Liberation Front Party has decided, AP-DJ reports.

At the second of its bi-annual sessions, the Party's central committee decided that in future the country will have to invest according to its means and needs and rely less on income from exports of oil and gas than in the past.

In its discussion on the economic policy to be followed over the next 10 years, the party's highest body stressed that Algeria must guarantee its long-term energy independence and obtain the maximum benefit from its hydrocarbon deposits. Measures urged by the committee include: a substantial reduction in foreign financial and technical assistance, greater control over imports, a restructuring of state-run organisations whose size has made them increasingly more difficult to manage, the preservation of Algeria's oil reserves through a reappraisal of hydrocarbon production and a better utilisation of Algeria's human and material potential.

Francis Ghiles, adds: Signs

of a slowing down in the natural gas sector are already visible. The pace of work at the LNGs gas liquefaction plant currently being built at Arzew, the country's main gas and oil base in western Algeria, has declined in recent weeks. A cancellation of the project is not, however, envisaged.

Negotiations currently under way between Algeria's state oil company, Sonatrach, and its Tunisian and Italian partners, which could eventually lead to a doubling of the gas pipeline which is under construction and will carry Algerian natural gas across the straits of Sicily to Europe, are unlikely to lead to any concrete decisions before next year.

As for the eventual building of a gas pipeline from Algeria to southern Spain, such plans as exist are still at the drawing board stage.

The Central Committee's decisions reflect the position taken at the beginning of the five-day meeting by President Chadli Benjedid.

Where borrowing abroad is concerned, Algeria has already reduced the amount of funds it is importing from international capital markets, from \$2.4bn in 1978 to below \$2bn last year. The total hard currency debt cur-

rently stands at about \$19bn. Servicing this debt absorbed 25.1 per cent of exports in 1978, but this is not likely to increase despite the rise in U.S. interest rates. It only because Algeria's hard currency income from gas and oil is estimated to have increased by more than half to between \$9bn-\$10bn last year. Reserves are also comfortable: they amount to \$1.85bn, \$253m of which are accounted for by gold valued at \$42 an ounce.

A reduction in capital goods imports, which now appears likely, would hit many Western concerns, particularly Italian, Japanese, German and U.S. companies which have made heavy inroads into a market which until the mid-1970s was a virtual French monopoly. Since 1975 Algeria has been one of the largest importers of capital goods among the oil exporting countries.

● Showa Denko has signed a five-year contract to import natural gas liquid from Algeria's state oil corp, Sonatrach, Reuter reports from Tokyo. The contract, beginning this year, calls for the supply of 58,000 kilolitres of NGL in the initial year, with annual shipments rising to about 900,000 kilolitres from the second year and onwards.

Upturn for Raleigh in Iran and Nigeria

By Lorne Saving

RALEIGH, the Nottingham-based cycle company, has achieved a reversal of the downward trend in two of its troublesome overseas markets, Nigeria and Iran, where sales last year were hit by political events.

The company estimates it will sell around 400,000 bicycles in Nigeria this year including output from its plant in Kano, where investment is going ahead to increase capacity to 200,000 bicycles a year.

This follows Nigerian Government measures to ease the strict price controls which had made the company's 300,000 sales in that country last year less profitable than it had hoped. It is also expected that the forthcoming budget will boost the economy and allow Raleigh's large stocks in Nigeria to be reduced.

Iran, formerly a medium-sized market for Raleigh, has placed orders for 25,000 bicycles in the first four months of this year, on the basis of letters of credit.

Orders from Iran, which had been hit by the political troubles, will help boost overseas sales, which had suffered as a result of the strong pound. However, an order from Afghanistan for "a few thousand bicycles, has recently been cancelled, according to Mr. Ken Collins, Raleigh sales and marketing director.

The company sells about 60 per cent of its cycle products abroad.

Fiat may use Yamaha system

By Richard Hanson in Tokyo

YAMAHA MOTOR, Japan's second largest motorcycle maker, said at the weekend that Fiat of Italy, has bought the option to use the technology for its latest fuel-efficient engine, known as the Yamaha Injection Control System (YICS).

The company is also close to an agreement on licensing the technology to Ford Motor in the U.S.

Both Fiat and Ford already have the rights to the fore-runner of the YICS under agreements signed in 1977.

ECGD renegotiates Zambia cover

By Stephanie Gray

TALKS BETWEEN the ECGD and Zambia over the department's withdrawal of short-term cover for British exports to the country are complicated. They cannot be resolved through a successful UK-Rhodesia policy, according to Mr. G. Jones of the Department's country policy division.

He said short-term cover for business in Zambia had been unavailable since last month when a special arrangement had expired. One of the reasons for the withdrawal had been "a host of transfer delays."

Speaking at a London Chamber of Commerce meeting called to discuss export payments problems in four African markets, Mr. Jones said new arrangements with Zambia were under "active consideration."

The result of which may be known soon. He would not elaborate but said later he believed debt rescheduling was likely in a number of the countries being discussed.

The return to civilian rule of Nigeria and Ghana and the overthrow of Idi Amin in Uganda—the three other countries discussed—promised new opportunities for British exporters, but restructuring of all three economies was, of course, one of the reasons put forward for delays in receiving payment. Government mismanagement, local corruption and the reluctance of British companies to comply with local conditions were others.

Mr. P. D. Thomas, senior plant project manager for Societe Generale Surveillance UK

(SGS), said delays could be avoided through the use of SGS inspectors whose business it is to ensure compliance with shipper's local market requirements. Previously, however, exporters have complained that the inspection procedures hampered their business transactions.

Prompt reports of inspectors' findings depended upon the supply of correct documentation. These were often held up by exporters who delayed giving SGS the required information until the last minute.

Mr. Thomas said SGS handled 30,000 licences at any one time. Of these, less than 3 per cent received non-negotiable reports of findings, mainly because of disagreements over price.

Among the companies at the meeting was the Berc Group

which makes about 37 per cent of its total profits from its operations in Africa and which recently lost its entire Nigerian market; Dunlop, with 17.2 per cent of its earnings made in Africa; and Inchcape, with 1.2 per cent; were also represented.

Some delegates claimed they had outstanding debts dating as far back as 1971. Sums of between £80,000 and £100,000 and perhaps more were involved.

Mr. K. Mogford of the Department of Trade, said payment delays must be put into proper perspective as only one of a number of problems emanating from a spectrum of commercial and political changes, including indigenisation, import controls, distribution and communications.

British Aerospace orders top £1bn mark

By Michael Donne, Aerospace Correspondent

THE UK AEROSPACE industry last year won new business worth over £1bn, much of it for export, involving more than 40 countries.

The Society of British Aerospace Companies, in a survey of contracts announced throughout the year, says that this figure does not include other contracts whose value for various reasons was not disclosed at the time of their announcement. This additional business is probably worth several hundred million pounds.

The SBAC says that exports by the industry last year were also well over the £1bn level, despite the slow-down in activity caused by the engineering strike—although this is expected to be recovered in subsequent months.

The Society says the biggest inflow of new business came from the rise in orders for the A-300 and A-310 Airbus, for which British Aerospace makes the wings, but there were also big new orders for BAe 125 executive jets and the HS-748 transport, while orders for new Rolls-Royce RB-211 engines also rose substantially.

Terry Dodsworth adds from Paris: The French aircraft and space industry, one of the country's big growth sectors in export markets over the past few years, increased overseas orders by 15 per cent last year to FFr 20bn (£2.2bn).

A wide range of products contributed to the expansion, including the Mirage military range, the Alpha jet trainer, missiles and the Airbus civil airliner. More than half the orders were generated by Avions Marcel Dassault. Dassault took in FFr 10.6bn worth of export orders last year.

● Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) has placed orders for two new Boeing 747s with options for five more. AP-DJ reports from Stockholm. SAS said the new Boeing 747s are intended to replace two older 747s bought in 1971.

SHIPPING REPORT U.S. grain embargo still confusing shipping market

By William Hall, Shipping Correspondent

THE WORLD'S shipping markets are still considerably confused following the U.S. decision to halt grain exports to Russia.

Although there have been a number of fixtures, brokers are generally agreed that freight rates have not yet found their true level in the light of changed circumstances.

The effect of the embargo is being felt the hardest by the dry cargo market (particularly in the Atlantic) but will also have a detrimental effect on the tanker market as combination carriers switch out of grain and into oil.

So far freight rates have not fallen as dramatically as some brokers initially feared. In the tanker market rates for VLCCs Arabian Gulf/West have re-

mained fairly steady at around \$100/ton (assuming slow steaming). However, the market for smaller tankers has been weakening in the Mediterranean, and in the Caribbean rates for certain vessels have dropped by around 400 worldscale points since the Christmas holidays. Even by the standards of this traditionally volatile market, that is an amazing reduction.

In the grain trades, charterers have mostly withdrawn from the market until rates find a new floor. A 70,000-ton cargo of grain from the U.S. Gulf to the Continent was fixed at \$15.50 which compares with a pre-embargo rate of around \$17 per ton, but there are reports that one charterer is asking \$12 per ton for March shipments.

World Economic Indicators

		TRADE STATISTICS			
		Nov. '79	Oct. '79	Sept. '79	Nov. '78
UK	Exports	3,74	3,58	3,61	3,05
	Imports	3,79	3,92	3,72	3,24
Germany	Exports	28,70	29,95	25,20	25,39
	Imports	27,20	25,15	23,30	21,84
France	Exports	37,692	37,427	38,520	31,857
	Imports	38,975	40,295	40,307	31,557
U.S.	Exports	17,004	16,828	15,832	13,247
	Imports	18,412	18,856	18,664	15,207
Holland	Exports	1,418	2,018	2,834	1,946
	Imports	12,185	10,817	10,159	9,593
Italy	Exports	13,034	11,508	11,285	10,376
	Imports	10,849	10,691	11,125	10,763
Belgium	Exports	5,758	4,927	5,032	4,452
	Imports	5,748	5,348	4,469	4,216
	Exports	119,3	123,1	140,8	117,1
	Imports	141,1	125,3	146,9	134,0
	Balance	-21,8	-3,2	-6,1	-16,9

A FINANCIAL TIMES SURVEY SOUTH AMERICA

JUNE 10th 1980

The Financial Times proposes to publish a survey on South America in its edition of June 10.

1. Intro: Is South America more than a geographic expression? Efforts at economic integration and political co-ordination.
2. Economic Integration: The Latin American Free Trade Association. The Andean Pact. The River Plate Basin group. Brazil and the efforts to co-ordinate development of Amazonia.
3. Energy: Oil deficit and surplus countries. Venezuela and Ecuador as members of OPEC. Argentina, Bolivia, Peru, Colombia and Chile aim to increase oil exploration. Nuclear plans. Fuel from alcohol in Brazil.
4. Heavy Industry: Case studies of the development of the iron and steel and the motor industry in South America.
- 5-17. Country profiles: The economic and political scene in the countries of the region

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 5. Argentina | 11. Bolivia |
| 6. Brazil | 12. Uruguay |
| 7. Venezuela | 13. Paraguay |
| 8. Colombia | 14. Ecuador |
| 9. Peru | 15. Guyana |
| 10. Chile | 16. Surinam |
| 17. French Guiana | |

For further information and details of advertising rates please contact:

Anthony J. Brown
SOUTH AMERICAN SALES MANAGER
FINANCIAL TIMES, BRACKEN HOUSE
10 CANNON STREET, LONDON EC4A 3BY
TELEPHONE: 01-248 8000 EXTN. 447 - TELEX: 885033 FINTIM G

FINANCIAL TIMES
EUROPE'S BUSINESS NEWSPAPER

The contents, size and publication dates of Surveys in the Financial Times are subject to change at the discretion of the Editor

No...the Hyster customer is.



When you're choosing a lift truck, particularly if you have an urgent need, the business philosophy of a particular manufacturer may not strike you as of paramount importance. But choosing the wrong supplier can be an expensive mistake. So watch your step. You may spot some of the signs before you place your order. Like non-availability or the inability to tailor a standard truck to your special needs. But others may not become apparent until you're committed. Like failing to meet delivery promises. Poor reliability. And non-existent service. Far better to pause awhile and check out an organisation that is dedicated to materials handling and where the customer will always be No. 1. Hyster. Check our experience. It spans 50 years and five continents. Examine our designs. For sheer rugged reliability, technical innovation, safety and comfort they're second to none. Look at our huge manufacturing resources and painstaking attention to quality assurance. You'll find we can still adapt an individual truck to suit your application. But, more than likely, we can meet your needs from our basic range of over 70 models.

Ask others about Hyster reliability. See how our trucks stand up to the most demanding applications. And check for yourself what our local, on-the-spot back-up service is really like. But remember, none of these things happened by chance. They all spring from an attitude of mind that's remained unchanged for 50 years. It's made Hyster the number one choice for cost-effective materials handling today. And a very good friend to have working for you.



Hyster from Barlow Handling.

Barlow Handling Limited
Head Office: Airfield Estate, Wetherhead, Telford, Shropshire TF11 9PL
Regional Office: A.H. Masser Ltd, Ltd, Dublin 24, Dublin 6, Ireland

Built stronger to work longer.

UK NEWS

Ministers challenged over dearer gas bills

BY DAVID CHURCHILL AND JOHN ELLIOTT

OPPOSITION to the Government's plans for 29 per cent rises in gas prices this year began to build up yesterday. Ministers were asked to explain how they intend to use the increased income.

At the same time, the chairman of consumer councils in the gas, coal and electricity industries issued a general policy statement that called for future large fuel price increases to be introduced gradually.

They said that excess profits from the industries should be paid into a special energy fund. "Disadvantaged" consumers should be given help to meet large bills. The comments had been prepared before the 29 per cent increases were announced at the weekend.

Professor Naomi McIntosh, chairman of the National Gas Consumers' Council, said yesterday that the size of the planned increases was a shock.

Her council had expected rises of about 20 per cent.

She did not accept the Government's argument that 29 per cent increases were necessary because gas prices had to be brought into line with those of other fuels. She wanted to know how the Government intended to use the extra income.

Dr. David Owen, Labour spokesman on energy, called for the low-paid to be protected from the increases. He also urged the Government to explain what it intended to do with the money.

He said: "These profits will be reclaimed by the Government in the form of a loan, but the consumer has the right to insist that they are not just used to pay for tax reductions for the better-off. This money must be used for specific purposes to benefit all energy consumers."

The three consumer councils said the special fund they were

proposing would be used initially to finance improvements in the housing stock to ensure that every house is properly insulated.

It would also be used to ensure that all new houses are built with the most efficient insulation and central heating. In the longer-term the consumer leaders suggest that the fund could be used to revitalize the coal industry and to undertake new alternative energy projects.

The idea of a fund being set up and used for home improvements and energy-saving measures, instead of for investment in the industries, was opposed last night by the Electricity Council, which speaks for the electricity generation and distribution authorities.

British Gas emphasised yesterday that the planned 29 per cent rise was an average figure and that individual bills would vary.

Hundred Group wants company report law eased

BY MICHAEL LAFFERTY

THE HUNDRED GROUP of senior industrial chartered accountants, which includes the finance directors of many leading companies, has called on the Government to remove the statutory requirement for companies to send all shareholders copies of annual reports. The group says that under its proposal shareholders other than those requesting the full report would receive abridged versions only.

In line with the English Institute of Chartered Accountants the Hundred Group is not in favour of suggestions for revising the statutory audit requirement for small companies.

Commenting on the Department of Trade's recent Green Paper on company accounts, it says: "The imposition of the statutory audit has for long been accepted as a necessary requirement in exchange for the privilege of limited liability, and we believe it would be wrong to retreat from this position."

The Hundred Group wants a requirement that companies should disclose the extent to which assets are situated abroad, as well as an analysis of assets by currency.

On disclosure of details of directors' remuneration it says: "We would like to see the requirement to disclose directors' emoluments by banding, and the separate disclosure of the chairman's emoluments, abolished."

"Instead, the total emoluments should be disclosed together with the number of directors in office, and a statement of the emoluments of the highest-paid director without identification."

The group tells the Government that it would not favour a requirement that annual reports should include a description of a company's planned development.

Mr. Stanley Clinton-Davis, Opposition spokesman on company law, told a conference on Saturday that he favoured creation of a securities and exchange commission to regulate the City and, in particular, quoted companies.

He thought that the U.S. model was not the right one for Britain, but that something smaller should be found.

He disclosed that while a junior Minister in the last Government he submitted a paper with his views to the Wilson Committee.

Labour told to combat Trotskyist 'cancer' in party

By Philip Rawstorne

LABOUR'S national executive is to be pressed to take urgent action to combat Trotskyist infiltration of the party.

Lord Underhill, Labour's former national agent, who investigated infiltration by the far Left Militant Tendency faction in 1978, said yesterday that he could provide the executive with further documents on the group's activities.

"There is sufficient evidence that they have extended their influence, carrying out their objective, which is to get trained cadres into as many units of the Labour Party as they possibly can," he said.

Lord Underhill said the Trotskyists now had a few constituency Labour parties and were building up a framework within the party as a whole.

He denied that the Militant Tendency controlled as many as 80 constituency parties but said that it was now urgent that the executive should alert the party to the dangers and set in motion a campaign to combat them. The Trotskyist group was like a "cancer" within the Labour Party, he said.

The issue will be raised at the next meeting of the National Executive on January 22.

If the executive's left-wing majority again refused to publish documents on the Trotskyist activities or to call Lord Underhill's evidence, he would publish his own evidence.

Labour's organisation committee refused last week to publish the earlier Underhill report in spite of appeals from Labour moderates.

Mr. Eric Heffer, the committee's chairman, said that the party conference in 1977 had decided against publication but he admitted that little had been done to implement measures recommended by the conference to combat the infiltration.

Some Labour moderates, despairing of action by the NEC, may now also attempt to bring the issue before the commission of inquiry into the party's organisation.

It would be open to the commission, which holds its first meeting on January 22, to examine the new evidence of the Trotskyists' activity.

Rodgers urges adoption of incomes policy

AN INCOMES POLICY should be a central element in the next Labour Government's economic strategy, Mr. William Rodgers, one of the party's centre-right leaders, said yesterday, writes Philip Rawstorne.

He urged the willingness to put to the electorate an effective policy for pay, prices and productivity, would soon become a test of the party's credibility, he said at a meeting in his Stockton constituency.

"What is needed is a new initiative to work out patiently and in depth a constructive incomes policy for the longer term."

"Its purpose would not only be to check the rise in prices. The aim would be to ensure the growth of incomes in a way which was fair to all and consistent with the country's means."

Mr. Rodgers said that there was no need to agree a precisely detailed or rigid formula with the unions at this stage.

Britain seeks to bring new air routes into pact with U.S.

BY MICHAEL DUNNE, AEROSPACE CORRESPONDENT

TOP-LEVEL TALKS between the UK and the U.S. on new air routes across the North Atlantic, and on other matters relating to civil aviation, will be held in London on January 22.

The talks, a continuation of discussions held in Washington in November, are aimed at updating the Anglo-U.S. Bermuda Two air agreement, which covers air services between the two countries and which is now over 18 months old.

One of the main topics will be U.S. approval for three new routes awarded by the UK Civil Aviation Authority to UK airlines — the London/Gatwick-New Orleans/Mexico City route for British Airways, and Gatwick to St. Louis and Denver for British Caledonian.

These routes are outside the scope of the Bermuda Two agreement, and the UK will seek amendments to the pact to include them.

This will give the U.S. an opportunity to ask for further routes to the UK for American airlines. One route the U.S. is expected to seek is that from Minneapolis/St. Paul to London.

And now that National is being taken over by Pan American, the Miami-London route, hitherto flown by National, has to be reallocated.

Other topics at the talks will include a U.S. desire to see much greater liberalisation of controls over civil aviation, especially on charter flights and on cargo operations, as part of the U.S. efforts to extend its civil aviation "deregulation" policy into international civil aviation.

The UK has expressed concern at the way in which the U.S. is seeking to impose its domestic anti-trust laws on foreign airlines — a matter which has been the subject of a long battle between the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board and the Inter-

national Air Transport Association, of which British Airways and British Caledonian Airways are members.

At the forthcoming talks the UK team, from the Department of Trade, Foreign Office and Civil Aviation Authority, is expected to make it plain that the UK will not tolerate any such impositions on British airlines.

British Airways takes delivery of the first of its 28 Boeing 737 short-haul jet airliners in Seattle on February 6. The aircraft will arrive at Heathrow the next day and will go into service within a few days on scheduled services to Cork, Newcastle and Dublin.

BA will receive 19 of the aircraft before the end of this year. Another nine will be delivered to British Airways between this spring and March 1981. Including spares and other equipment and training the new fleet will cost BA more than £300m.

Nearly 300 pilots have been training to fly the new jets. About 800 cabin crew will be trained over the next few months.

The new aircraft will be replacing ageing BAC One-Elevens and HS Trident One and Twos in the BA fleet, and Boeing 707s in British Airways.

Big air fare discounts for senior citizens have been announced by BA. They are eligible for a 40 per cent discount on economy fares for all domestic flights, if staying at their destination for a minimum six nights.

The new scheme extends arrangements under which pensioners get reduced fares only on selected days of the week. Examples of the new prices: London-Edinburgh £49.20 return, compared with normal "Shuttle" fare of £82; London-Manchester £31.20 (E23); London-Belfast £44.40 (£74).

Twin-engined Hercules to be built

LOCKHEED OF the U.S. is to start design and development work immediately on a twin-engined version of the successful four-engined Hercules freighter aircraft, writes Michael Dunne.

The first aircraft is expected to fly in spring 1982, with deliveries in 1983.

Mr. Roy Anderson, chairman of Lockheed, said: "There is a strong market. Our survey of 40 countries shows requirement for about 400 aircraft. We believe we will capture a good share."

Lockheed-Georgia, the Atlanta member of the Lockheed Group, will build the aircraft, on the same production line as the present four-engined Hercules. Over 1,550 four-engined Hercules have been built.

The new aircraft, L-400, will carry payloads of up to 22,500 lb over 500 miles. Its cargo compartment will be the same size as the four-engined aircraft — 10 ft wide, 9 ft high, 41 ft long.

Here we will capture a good share."

Lockheed-Georgia, the Atlanta member of the Lockheed Group, will build the aircraft, on the same production line as the present four-engined Hercules. Over 1,550 four-engined Hercules have been built.

The new aircraft, L-400, will carry payloads of up to 22,500 lb over 500 miles. Its cargo compartment will be the same size as the four-engined aircraft — 10 ft wide, 9 ft high, 41 ft long.

Scots press for increase in rates support grant

A DEPUTATION representing Scotland's 67 local authorities will lobby the 71 Scottish MPs at Westminster today to press for more money for the regional and district councils in the coming year.

Mr. Tom Clarke, President of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, said the government spending limit of £194m in 1980-81 was unrealistic and that Scotland's local authorities with their worst financial difficulties since the war.

Council house rents would have to be increased and the authorities would have to make big reductions in services or impose heavy rate increases.

The main difficulty was that the Government had based its rate support grant on estimated price increases of 13 per cent whereas inflation was running at 17 per cent.

Mr. Clarke said the difficulties had been aggravated because the Government had earmarked only £19m for pay awards to teachers, administrators and manual workers in Scotland — the equivalent of rises of about 8-10 per cent.

Civil servants working on the cash limits were underestimating the amount of money that councils would require, because they were using interest rate figures three months out of date, said Mr. Clarke.

Substantial reductions in grants, the Government's policy on cash limits and its attitude to price changes meant that the next year would be very bleak for ratepayers in Scotland.

cent whereas inflation was running at 17 per cent.

Mr. Clarke said the difficulties had been aggravated because the Government had earmarked only £19m for pay awards to teachers, administrators and manual workers in Scotland — the equivalent of rises of about 8-10 per cent.

Civil servants working on the cash limits were underestimating the amount of money that councils would require, because they were using interest rate figures three months out of date, said Mr. Clarke.

Substantial reductions in grants, the Government's policy on cash limits and its attitude to price changes meant that the next year would be very bleak for ratepayers in Scotland.

Falling demand leads to redundancies at Roneo

A DRAMATIC slump in world demand for stencil and spirit duplicators has forced Roneo Vickers, one of Europe's leading xerographic manufacturers, to begin talks with its unions on redundancies at its UK manufacturing plant in Romford.

The company said that world sales had fallen by about 80 per cent on budgeted targets. The volume of work now being placed at Romford was "insufficient to allow overheads to be fully recovered."

The company is seeking 160 redundancies from a workforce of around 2,000. Last year it cut its sales force by 40, though mainly because it shifted sales to a wider dealer network.

It is also pessimistic about any early upturn in the market. In the UK, it blames "a generally poor economic climate coupled with reductions in public spending."

In developing countries, which provide a large market for duplicators, the rising oil price is seen by Roneo Vickers as responsible for cutting state and corporation expenditure on its equipment.

The duplicator market has been declining gradually for some time as more companies move from duplicators to plain paper copiers, which are now becoming smaller and cheaper.

However, the suddenness of the drop in the market over the past few months has taken the industry by surprise.

early upturn in the market. In the UK, it blames "a generally poor economic climate coupled with reductions in public spending."

In developing countries, which provide a large market for duplicators, the rising oil price is seen by Roneo Vickers as responsible for cutting state and corporation expenditure on its equipment.

The duplicator market has been declining gradually for some time as more companies move from duplicators to plain paper copiers, which are now becoming smaller and cheaper.

However, the suddenness of the drop in the market over the past few months has taken the industry by surprise.

Economist unit rejects call for inquiry into consumer study

BY OUR CONSUMER AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE ECONOMIST Intelligence Unit, replying to criticism of its recent study into the costs of consumer protection legislation in the UK, has rejected a call by the National Consumer Council for a more detailed examination of the methods used in the study.

It had been commissioned by a group of leading companies and organisations, including Marks and Spencer and the Confederation of British Industry, who were concerned at the cost to industry of complying with consumer protection legislation passed in recent years.

The study suggested that the cost of complying with the enforcement of such legislation could exceed £200m a year. But the council claims that the true figure is much less and is critical of the way that the unit reached its findings.

In a letter to the council, the unit says that the central conclusion of its study is "in danger of being obscured or neglected through over-attention to a quantitative measurement which, even allowing for a very considerable margin of error, would still have warranted that very same conclusion."

The central conclusion was that any further consumer protection legislation should be introduced only after an extensive examination into its need and effectiveness.

The group that commissioned the study is seeking a meeting with Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Consumer Affairs Minister, to discuss its findings.

ment which, even allowing for a very considerable margin of error, would still have warranted that very same conclusion."

The central conclusion was that any further consumer protection legislation should be introduced only after an extensive examination into its need and effectiveness.

The group that commissioned the study is seeking a meeting with Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Consumer Affairs Minister, to discuss its findings.

Scientists investigate mackerel dumping

THIRTY EIGHT Government scientists have started an investigation into the dumping of mackerel off the South-West coast of England.

They are going out on trawlers to find out how many fish slip back into the sea accidentally when nets are hauled on board the boats, and investigating claims that fish are being deliberately "slipped" (dumped back into the sea).

It has been alleged that some fishermen are dumping the smaller fish back into the sea — where they usually die because of injuries inflicted during netting — because of the quota system, which restricts the amount of fish each boat may catch.

The scientists will be investigating whether the build-up of dead mackerel on the sea bed affords a serious pollutant and whether this is affecting other local fishing industries, for example the crab industry.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said that the dumping of mackerel back into the sea was not illegal but its Fishing Inspectorate in the south-west had tried to discourage the habit among fishermen.

The Ministry hopes that the proposed tightening-up of the mackerel licensing system — which comes into effect later this year — will help to alleviate the problem.

At present, the licensing scheme is fairly unrestrictive about who can have a licence. The new procedure will restrict mackerel fishing to certain vessels.

Reliant will this year be exporting about 1,000 kits to Greece in a deal with MEBEA of Athens worth about £1m a year at this level.

Two years ago Reliant was acquired from the Standard and Chartered banking group by J. F. Nash Securities, the quoted holding company based at Kettering. Mr. Ritchie Spencer took over as managing director with a new management team.

Reliant will this year be exporting about 1,000 kits to Greece in a deal with MEBEA of Athens worth about £1m a year at this level.

Two years ago Reliant was acquired from the Standard and Chartered banking group by J. F. Nash Securities, the quoted holding company based at Kettering. Mr. Ritchie Spencer took over as managing director with a new management team.

Reliant will this year be exporting about 1,000 kits to Greece in a deal with MEBEA of Athens worth about £1m a year at this level.

Two years ago Reliant was acquired from the Standard and Chartered banking group by J. F. Nash Securities, the quoted holding company based at Kettering. Mr. Ritchie Spencer took over as managing director with a new management team.

Reliant will this year be exporting about 1,000 kits to Greece in a deal with MEBEA of Athens worth about £1m a year at this level.

Two years ago Reliant was acquired from the Standard and Chartered banking group by J. F. Nash Securities, the quoted holding company based at Kettering. Mr. Ritchie Spencer took over as managing director with a new management team.

Reliant will this year be exporting about 1,000 kits to Greece in a deal with MEBEA of Athens worth about £1m a year at this level.

Two years ago Reliant was acquired from the Standard and Chartered banking group by J. F. Nash Securities, the quoted holding company based at Kettering. Mr. Ritchie Spencer took over as managing director with a new management team.

Reliant will this year be exporting about 1,000 kits to Greece in a deal with MEBEA of Athens worth about £1m a year at this level.

Two years ago Reliant was acquired from the Standard and Chartered banking group by J. F. Nash Securities, the quoted holding company based at Kettering. Mr. Ritchie Spencer took over as managing director with a new management team.

Reliant will this year be exporting about 1,000 kits to Greece in a deal with MEBEA of Athens worth about £1m a year at this level.

Two years ago Reliant was acquired from the Standard and Chartered banking group by J. F. Nash Securities, the quoted holding company based at Kettering. Mr. Ritchie Spencer took over as managing director with a new management team.

Reliant will this year be exporting about 1,000 kits to Greece in a deal with MEBEA of Athens worth about £1m a year at this level.

Two years ago Reliant was acquired from the Standard and Chartered banking group by J. F. Nash Securities, the quoted holding company based at Kettering. Mr. Ritchie Spencer took over as managing director with a new management team.

Reliant will this year be exporting about 1,000 kits to Greece in a deal with MEBEA of Athens worth about £1m a year at this level.

Two years ago Reliant was acquired from the Standard and Chartered banking group by J. F. Nash Securities, the quoted holding company based at Kettering. Mr. Ritchie Spencer took over as managing director with a new management team.

NEWS ANALYSIS — ELECTRONIC GAMES

Waddington undeterred

BY ELAINE WILLIAMS

JOHN WADDINGTON'S experience with electronic games has been unfortunate, to say the least. But the company is determined that it can bring this side of its business back into profit.

Losses of £418,000 for the 28 weeks ended October 14, 1979, are attributed principally to the problem of Videomaster, the electronics games manufacturer Waddington acquired in July, 1978.

Steps to arrest the losses in electronics games in the UK include the pruning of staff at Videomaster headquarters. In 1978, when it was placed in the hands of the Official Receiver, Videomaster had already reduced its number of employees to about 40. Within the last week or so a further 25 have gone, leaving only 15.

Waddington intends to switch Videomaster administration to its House of Games subsidiary, which also markets electronic toys. However, the company believes that Videomaster should retain its own identity as a marketing organisation.

Although it has been a poor financial performer, long-standing customers in the retail trade still like to associate

themselves with its name. The company's problems range from shortages of silicon chips to production difficulties which delayed the arrival of stock for the peak selling periods, including Christmas.

Abroad, the Philippines plant making some Videomaster television games was destroyed in a storm.

While other manufacturers have cashed in on the growing interest in television games and electronic toys, Waddington, for the most part, has been able to stand only on the sidelines.

Outlining Videomaster's problems, Mr. Chris Bowes, financial director of Waddington, said it had high overheads, products were too expensive and carried little, if any profit margin.

Waddington has had more success with electronic games in the U.S. There it sells two models, the Wizard and the Game Machine, both table top games. It is also launching a football game called "Jimmy" which it expects will sell well in Britain.

With the Videomaster slate wiped clean, efforts will now be concentrated on selling to the lower-priced end of the market.

since it has been the simpler types of electronics toys and games which have sold well over the past year.

For example, MB Games, part of the Million Bradley group, reported a good response to toys such as its computer battleship and Simon, which flashes lights and buzzes at the players.

This year it will introduce several new electronic toys, all simple, and will expand into the pre-school markets, and five-year age group.

Mr. Rodgers said that there was no need to agree a precisely detailed or rigid formula with the unions at this stage.

Waddington has had more success with electronic games in the U.S. There it sells two models, the Wizard and the Game Machine, both table top games. It is also launching a football game called "Jimmy" which it expects will sell well in Britain.

With the Videomaster slate wiped clean, efforts will now be concentrated on selling to the lower-priced end of the market.

COMPANY NOTICES

EUROPEAN DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS REPRESENTING COMMON STOCK OF KUBOTA LIMITED

A distribution of 225.12 per cent depositary shares less any applicable taxes will be payable on and after December 31, 1979, upon presentation of coupon at 24 of the offices of any of the following depositaries:

EUROPEAN DEPOSITARY TRUST CY OF NEW YORK
— New York, 30, West Broadway
— London, 33, Lombard Street
— Brussels, 35, avenue des Arts
— Paris, 14, Place Vendôme
— Frankfurt, Stockheimer Landstrasse 2
— CREDITO ROMAGNOLA, Via Armerini, 12, Milan
— BANK MESS & HOPE, Herengracht 568, Amsterdam
— CREDITBANK, S.A. LUZEMBOURG, 1012, 42, Rue Royal, Luxembourg

BEARER DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS ISSUED BY MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST, NEW YORK

MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CORPORATION
Cash dividend of 31.27 per cent "Depositary share" is payable on December 27, 1979, upon presentation of coupon No. 14 at:

MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST CY OF NEW YORK
— New York, 30, West Broadway
— London, 33, Lombard Street
— Brussels, 35, avenue des Arts
— Paris, 14, Place Vendôme
— Frankfurt, Stockheimer Landstrasse 2
— CREDITO ROMAGNOLA, Via Armerini, 12, Milan
— BANK MESS & HOPE, Herengracht 568, Amsterdam
— CREDITBANK, S.A. LUZEMBOURG, 1012, 42, Rue Royal, Luxembourg

What words can't adequately express...

No expression of sympathy is more personal. For guaranteed delivery and the widest choice of wreaths and floral tributes, see your local Interflora florist. Flowers bring comfort.

Interflora florist. Flowers bring comfort.

This announcement appears as a matter of record only

ennia^{nv}

the Hague, the Netherlands

Dfls 75,000,000

9¾% Bearer Bonds 1980 due 1984/1987

Amsterdam—Rotterdam Bank N.V. Algemene Bank Nederland N.V.
Nederlandsche Middenstandsbank N.V.
Pierion, Helderling & Pierion N.V.
Bank Mees & Hope NV
Nederlandse Credietbank N.V.
N.V. Slavenburg's Bank
Bank Van der Hoop Offiers N.V.
Centrale Rabobank

Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft
Swiss Bank Corporation (Overseas) Limited
Kredietbank N.V.

January 8, 1980

All of these Bonds having been sold, this announcement appears as a matter of record only.



CLUB MEDITERRANÉE HAITI S.A.

UK NEWS

Postal service expects loss

BY JOHN LLOYD

THE POST OFFICE'S first-half financial results, publication of which has been delayed, are expected to show a loss in the postal business, and a profit substantially short of target in the telecommunications business.

The aggregate profit figure for the corporation is expected to be more than £100m down on the half-year results last year. Only Girobank shows a rise, some of that due to high interest rates.

The indications are that posts will show a half-year loss of about £12m, while telecommunications will show a profit of about £65m. Girobank is expected to show a profit of more than £2m.

In 1978/79 posts made a first-half profit of £24.2m, telecommunications £14.7m and Girobank £1.3m.

However, estimates for the full year show a substantial recovery. Posts are estimated to show a £30m profit, broadly in line with the target of 2 per cent on turnover. Telecommunications are expected to perform less well—a surplus presently estimated at £200m would be well below the target return of 6 per cent of net assets, and nearly £150m less

than last year's record profit.

The main cause of the drop in profits is prolonged action by computer operators which held up telephone billings for several months last year. The telecommunications business borrowed heavily from the postal business, and from external sources, to cover running deficit which, towards the end of last year, threatened to become chronic.

However, it is understood that money from the large bills now being sent out, covering six- or nine-month periods, is coming in more rapidly than expected.

The interim figures will be discussed by the newly-formed, separate boards of the main businesses (posts and Girobank and telecommunications) on January 21, and by the Corporation's full board on January 22. They are expected to be published on February 12, two months later than usual.

It is thought some sections of senior management opposed publication of the interim figures, arguing that the delay made it pointless to publish. However, they are seen as essential to the success of raising loans in the New York commercial paper market, an exercise the Post Office began last year and which it is preparing to repeat.

Forty tonne lorry limit imposed

BY LYNTON McILAIN

THE National Freight Corporation, which operates 20,000 lorries, says in a report this morning that its future needs could be met without raising weights in line with EEC proposals for 44-tonne lorries.

The Corporation believes its operational requirements can be best met instead by raising the gross laden weight from the present British maximum of 32.5 tonnes to 40 tonnes.

Nevertheless, the Corporation points out in evidence to the Armitage inquiry into lorries and the environment that an articulated lorry and trailer combination operated at 40 tonnes may still have an overall design weight of 42 tonnes.

Maximum lorry weights in Europe vary from Britain's 32.5 tonnes to 50 tonnes permitted in the Netherlands.

The European Commission proposed at the end of 1978 to harmonise these weights to cut haulage costs and improve trade in the Community.

Sir Arthur Armitage, vice-chancellor of Manchester University who was appointed by the Government last year to lead the inquiry, is expected to recommend weight limits that will set the pattern for British road haulage companies for the rest of the 1980s.

However, at the moment, Britain is under no formal obligation to the EEC to raise its limits, as the Commission's proposals are still being considered by the EEC economic and social committee.

The corporation favours a 40-tonne maximum weight on commercial grounds. Nevertheless, it accepts that lorry benefits have been achieved at "some considerable environmental cost."

Commercial vehicles have "unpleasant side-effects which cannot be disputed," the evidence says, including noise, pollution, diesel smoke, road damage, vibration and visual intrusion.

But the corporation considers

that the lorry can be made more environmentally acceptable. Its role in the transport system has to be accepted and action should be taken to reduce the adverse impact of heavy lorries without abandoning their benefits.

"In spite of the more obvious 'unpleasant side-effects' of the lorry, the corporation believes that much more objective evidence is needed 'about people's perception of road transport'."

The corporation's study shows that a 40-tonne lorry would cost between 5 per cent and 10 per cent less to run than existing 32.5-tonne vehicles.

Excise duty

But these savings would only be achieved if the vehicle was loaded to 90 per cent of its maximum payload. However, a separate study by the corporation shows that in 1978 vehicles over 32 tonnes operated at less than three-quarters of full capacity.

The corporation believes only limited scope exists for heavier vehicles. But some operators would benefit. An increase in the maximum gross weight permitted in Britain might lead to savings of £40m in transport costs, representing 0.02 per cent of total spending. Savings of 25,000 tonnes of diesel fuel, equal to 0.4 per cent of consumption might cut total movements by existing 32.5 tonne road freight vehicles by 7 per cent.

The heaviest lorries should pay about £30 a day to travel in Greater London, the Campaign Against the Lorry Menace (CALM) environment pressure group said in evidence to the Armitage inquiry. The group also called for the annual vehicle excise duty for these lorries to rise between £3,000 and £5,000 in the next three years. The highest average fuel and vehicle excise duty now is £3,250 for some of the heaviest lorries.

But the corporation considers

Steel strikers confident of winning 20% rise

BY RHYS DAVID

AS THE steel strike approaches the end of its second week there is a growing feeling among the industry's 20,000 workers in the Sheffield area that the longer it goes on the more likely they are to win on the terms they have now laid down—a 20 per cent pay increase with no strings.

The men and their union leaders evidently believe they are getting the hang of what is for most the novelty of strike action. They are organising more effective pickets to prevent the movement of steel, not only from BSC plants but stockholders, docks and private-sector producers in the region.

Control of the strike in the Sheffield area is passing more and more into the hands of the local strike committee, which has already shown itself significantly more militant on the question of secondary picketing than London strike headquarters. Though policy is being formulated nationally by the union, day-to-day decisions are inevitably being taken at the local strike office in Rotherham by a team of local union officials determined on a fight to the finish.

The main picketing activity in Sheffield last week was outside Hadfield's East Hedsa works, one of a number of steel plants lying off the main Armitage road, out of the city. Dunford Hadfield, a member of the Lombar group, is one of the few Sheffield private sector companies which competes directly with BSC and for this reason alone is suspected by some strikers of taking advan-

tage of the closure of BSC plants. Inside the plant Hadfield employees have encouraged drivers to proceed, pointing out that they are not in dispute. In the middle of this tangle are the police, who have been clearing a path for those drivers, many of them non-union, who are continuing to take their lorries in and out.

Senior union officials have been allowed by Mr. Derek Norton, Hadfield's chairman, to inspect the books to see that the company has been dealing with previous customers only and has not taken on new business. The company has said it will produce only 5,000 tons of ingots a week during the strike, equivalent to 72 per cent of capacity.

Two stages

The gesture of opening the books cut little ice with the pickets, however. They said they would probably intensify their action even if the union officials pronounced the company clean. The pickets want to see Hadfield's shut down for the duration of the strike as part of a wider plan to stop the private sector altogether.

"We have been working on a two-stage approach," one picket said. "The first was to shut BSC. That was achieved right at the start. Now we are hoping by secondary picketing to stop the movement of all steel."

The strike leaders in Rotherham believe they could do this by using a pool of several thousand strikers to mount flying picket expeditions to key

points in the steel distribution system. The example most frequently pointed to is the success of similar tactics by the miners under Mr. Arthur Scargill in 1973 and 1974.

The widening of the dispute in this way—probably bringing much of industry to a standstill in the next few weeks—is based on the belief, as in most other big strikes of recent years, that the battle is with the Government and not the employers. If industry is crippled, the Sheffield strikers believe the Government to settle the strike by providing more funds for BSC.

With the pickets firmly set in their militant mood, few appear concerned at the possible longer-term implications for Sheffield steel of a long strike. Workers at some loss-making BSC plants in Sheffield fear redundancies may follow a return to work.

Union officials have warned that more than 900 flying pickets from the Rotherham area will be sent this week to the BSC's Stanton works at Ilkeston, Derbyshire. Only 5 per cent of Stanton's 4,000 workers belong to the National Union of Blast Furnacemen and are involved in the strike. The management has challenged this "tiny minority" to hold a ballot to see if they want the strike to continue.

A call for a one-day Welsh general strike against closures in the steel and coal industries and the effects of Government economic policies in Wales has been made by Plaid Cymru.

Tougher union reform Bill sought

THE GOVERNMENT'S Bill to reform trade union practices and alter some employment rights should be toughened to deal with trade union immunities, compulsory closed shops, secondary picketing and blacking, say Britain's chambers of commerce.

Mr. Tom Boardman, president of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, says today in a detailed commentary on the Employment Bill that the law provides for disputes to be settled by less harmful methods than industrial disruption.

The association, representing 85 chambers and some 54,000 member firms, calls for reforms in the union's immunities under law, which it says have placed unions above the law.

It says these reforms are essential to prevent industrial disruption in defiance of an agreement freely entered into by an employer and a union, and the disruption of concerns not party to a dispute.

The association says that action against "secondary blacking," or coercive recruitment tactics by unions, is the Government's most urgent task.

Although the Employment Bill deals with this issue, following the Leggett report which highlighted the recruitment activities of the print union, SLADE, the association argues that the proposals are too limited.

It adds that the practice of insisting on closed shops in supplier firms is abhorrent, and that those who seek to enforce such arrangements should be liable to penalties. "Such behaviour constitutes conspiracy against trade which should not be tolerated."

The association's other key proposal is the repeal of that part of the law which makes fair the dismissal of an employee for non-membership of a union. Such a repeal would end the legal enforcement of the closed shop and so deprive pickets of a powerful industrial weapon.

Union campaign forecast for Robinson's return

BY OUR LABOUR STAFF

AN ENGINEERING union official predicted yesterday that the union's internal inquiry into BL's sacking of Mr. Derek Robinson, the Longbridge convenor, would find in his favour. The union would then organise a sustained campaign in his defence.

Mr. Bill Jordan, Birmingham divisional organiser of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, was heckled by delegates at a trade union conference in support of Mr. Robinson as he defended the AUEW executive's decision to establish the inquiry rather than call an official strike.

He said he believed that at the end of the inquiry the union would back Mr. Robinson. "There is still a fight ahead, a very bitter fight. There will be casualties, but I believe we shall win." The 1,000 delegates pledged any action necessary to secure Mr. Robinson's unconditional reinstatement.

Mr. Robinson, who was re-elected at the weekend as Longbridge convenor despite his dismissal, said he had been sacked for carrying out union policy in opposing closures.

The union, though, has given its support to the BL rescue plan, which entails the closure of 14 plants.

Mr. Arthur Scargill, president of the Yorkshire area of the National Union of Mineworkers, said Yorkshire miners would join engineering workers in industrial action if they were asked.

Members of the inquiry repeated yesterday that they had not yet finished taking evidence, let alone produced a report. Mr. Gerry Russell, AUEW executive member, said the inquiry had not yet even heard Mr. Robinson's side of the case. The inquiry is due to hold its final meeting on Friday.

Whatever the outcome, official industrial action seems unlikely.

Perkins call for 40% rise

WORKERS at the Perkins diesel engine plant in Peterborough, the world's biggest diesel plant, are to seek a 40 per cent wage rise.

The demand is being submitted on behalf of 7,000 men, by shop stewards. Last year a pay claim, crippled production for five days and cost the company an estimated £10m in lost production. The workforce is also pressing for a

35-hour week and extra payments for holidays.

Perkins is already committed to paying production workers an extra £4 a week from April as part of last year's agreement towards parity with group workers in the Midlands. Settlement of the latest pay demand in full would push basic rates up to £140 a week for some workers.

Protest over retraining closures

MEMBERS of the Civil Service Union are to lobby Parliament on Thursday to protest at the proposed closure of 20 skill training centres as part of the Government cuts in public spending.

The union has also asked for a meeting with Mr. James Prior, Employment Secretary, to discuss the proposed closures,

which it describes as "madness."

It says the skill centres to be closed, such as those in Llanelli, Dumbarton, Marport and Doncaster, are in areas of high unemployment. Though some would be replaced by new premises, many redundant workers would be denied the opportunity to acquire new skills.

Asda plans DIY drive

BY DAVID CHURCHILL

THE ASDA superstores group plans a move into the fast-growing do-it-yourself market, estimated to have retail sales of over £1.5bn a year.

Asda seeks planning permission to extend several of its largest superstores by up to 20,000 sq ft to cope with larger

do-it-yourself items such as kitchen units and garden sheds.

The stores it has chosen are so far in the North where it is historically in a strong trading position, and depends on availability of space and car parking. The first is unlikely to be opened for at least nine months.

Profits squeeze continues

LAST YEAR'S second half squeeze on company profits is expected to get worse in the first half of 1980, say Wood Mackenzie, Edinburgh stockbrokers.

In a circular on corporate trends the firm says that the acceleration of inflation will boost turnover, but margins will fall further. "Despite the absence of the engineers' strike, profits in the first half are forecast to show no growth. . . . By the second half, margins at the pre-tax level are expected to show some slight recovery with a consequent rise in profits."

The firm's forecast indicates a rise in reported pre-tax profits of just under 6 per cent for the year as a whole.

Parliament this week

TODAY

COMMONS—Tenants Right, etc. (Scotland) Bill, second reading. Motions on Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order and on Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Orders.

TOMORROW

COMMONS—Housing Bill, second reading. Petroleum Revenue Tax Bill, remaining stages. Ball Ex. (Scotland) Bill, consideration of Lords amendments.

LORDS—Papua-New Guinea, Western Samoa and Nauru Bill, committee. Furkins Bill, third reading. Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill (HL), second reading.

WEDNESDAY

COMMONS—Motions on Rate Support Grant Orders. Motion on Value Added Tax (International Services).

LORDS—Debate on obscenity and film censorship. Short debate on future of hospital services in Omagh.

SELECT COMMITTEES—Education, Science and Arts. Subject: Funding and organisation of higher education. Witnesses: Dept. of Education and Science, 10.30 am. Room 13. Industry and Trade, 10.45 am. Room 18. Foreign Affairs. Subject: FCO Organisation. Witnesses: Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 10.45 am. Room 5. Social Services. Subject: Perinatal and neonatal mortality, 4.30 pm. Room 8.

THURSDAY

COMMONS—Competition Bill, remaining stages. Southern Rhodesia Orders.

LORDS—Police Negotiating Board Bill, committee. Representation of the People Bill, committee. Common Agricultural Policy (Agricultural Produce) (Protection of Community Arrangements) (Amendment) Order 1979. Aviation Security Fund Regulations 1980. Debate on 7th Report of Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution.

SELECT COMMITTEE—Home Affairs sub-committee on Race Relations and Immigration. Subject: Proposed new immigration rules and European Convention on Human Rights. Witnesses: Prof. James Fawcett, President of the European Commission on Human Rights, Anthony Lester, QC, Lord Scarman, 4.30 pm. Room 15.

David Hancock

The left-hand photograph accompanying the article on new Treasury appointments on Page 3 of Saturday's Financial Times was of Mr. David Hancock, and not as stated.

Portfolio Management

for private and institutional investors

BHF-BANK

BERLINER HANDELS-UND FRANKFURTER BANK

125 YEARS OF MERCHANT BANKING

HEAD OFFICE: BOCKENHEIMER LANDSTR. 10 - 6 FRANKFURT 1
TELEPHONE: (069) 7181 - TELEFAX: 411026 - LONDON REP OFFICE:
25 BISHOPSLANE - LONDON EC3N 9DU - TELEPHONE: 01-6283675

MEMBER OF THE INTER-ALPHA GROUP OF BANKS
U.K. MEMBER: WILLIAMS & GUNN BANK

The European Source for Multimarket Finance

THE UNICO BANKING GROUP is a unique financial organization. All six members are united by a common philosophy rooted in Europe's client-oriented cooperative banking movement, and all are among the leading banks in their markets.

For example, Andelsbanken a/s Danabank—one of Denmark's top four commercial banks—has provided Denmark's leading export industries with full international banking facilities for 50 years. Genossenschaftliche Zentralbank (GZB) in Vienna is at the epicenter of East-West trade, and its

foreign trade offices span the globe with over 100 contact points. With total assets of some US\$350 billion, 36,000 offices, and presence in key centers such as London, Luxembourg, and Zurich, the UNICO BANKING GROUP offers comprehensive services such as Eurobonds and loans, foreign trade financing, new business contacts, and many others.

To find out more, contact the UNICO BANKING GROUP at 604 Keizersgracht in Amsterdam, Tel.: (20) 222252, Telex: 15412, or any partner bank.

Andelsbanken a/s Danabank (Denmark)
Caisse Nationale de Crédit Agricole (France)
Centrale Rabobank (The Netherlands)
DG BANK Deutsche Genossenschaftsbank (Germany)
Genossenschaftliche Zentralbank AG (Austria)
OKOBANK Oskuspankkien Keskuspankki Oy (Finland)



UNICO BANKING GROUP

THE MANAGEMENT PAGE

EDITED BY CHRISTOPHER LORENZ

Flames to warm City hearts?

Jason Crisp examines Valor, which once made paraffin heaters, then tried garden tools, building materials and gas appliances; only the last succeeded

MICHAEL MONTAGUE, chairman of Valor, quite likes to walk up and down when he is talking. From time to time he stops to stand and warm himself, like a country squire, in front of the flickering "Valorflame" which is the centrepiece of his Chiswick office.

This warming "log fire" is an unusual product which Montague must be hoping will truly bring Valor in from the cold. Indeed, the company seems to be beginning to find a little more favour with the City, which is hoping to see the end of its switchback profits record.

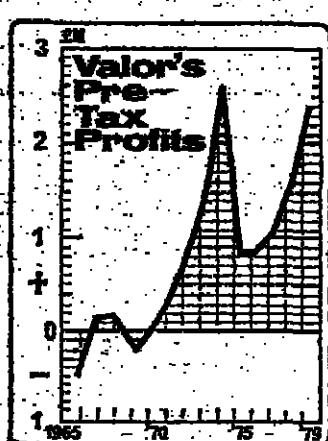
The design of the Valorflame is unusual in that not only do bright yellow flames lick around the imitation logs, and the "embers" genuinely glow red, but they actually produce heat as well. Until now most imitation gas log fires, mainly imported from the U.S., flickered and did not provide much heat. As a result the Gas boards would not sell them because they waste energy. They sell the Valorflame, though.

Its logs are vermiculite, the glowing ceramic coals radiate heat and there is a heat exchanger in the hood for heating by convection. It is the equivalent of a three bar electric fire. For those who balk at simulating log fires, it is better looking than a lamp.

Needless to say, Montague is very proud of it. There is a substantial margin on the Valorflame which retails at £150, including installation, and he hopes to sell 100,000 a year. "I am a high added value man," says Montague.

Valor's curious mixture of business is a legacy of the past, when it dipped its toe into some diverse puddles, not always avoiding the crabs. At the moment it manufactures petrol cans, catering equipment, car window frames, gas heaters, gas cookers, gas lighting and drop forgings. This last, Montague airily remarks, he would be happy to sell.

The biggest sector of the business is gas appliances which account for about three quarters of Valor's £40m turnover. That is the only small independent company in the field is all the more remarkable because less



than 20 years ago it made only paraffin heaters.

Montague himself joined the company in 1962 when it took over his own firm, which made electrical heating appliances. At that time Valor was already starting out along a road of diversification as the paraffin heater market had slumped badly after several fatal accidents.

As a major market it was probably doomed anyway—as living standards rose, fewer people were willing to tolerate the smell or the effort of replenishing stocks of paraffin.

"The writing was quite clearly on the wall," says Montague. "There was no future in paraffin heaters and there we were, with about 95 per cent of our production devoted to making them. It was neither a safe nor a growth business."

Montague joined as deputy managing director in 1964 and shortly after that chairman. He claims he had by then become the driving force behind the company's diversification policy. By going into three new areas of business, Montague hoped to find at least one new winner from them.

The winner turned out to be gas appliances, the "losers" were garden equipment and building materials.

The venture into building materials was not a strategic success, although Montague claims he sold it to Ideal Standard at a profit. When he first went into making plastic

housing boom, as he is quick to point out. But towards the end of the sixties circumstances had begun to change.

Another temporary business was in making lawnmowers, a decision made in 1965 when Quiccast was the only major UK manufacturer. In 1971 Valor sold out to Quiccast at a time when other major manufacturers were entering the scene, such as Black and Decker with Flymo. "We were most successful and they had made us an offer we could not refuse," boasts Montague.

Inspired, so he says, by reading about exploration for North Sea gas while flying over Spain, Montague took Valor into gas appliances through what can only be described as the back door. By doing sub-contract work for Parkinson-Cowan, making a convector heater, Valor was able to begin to learn the technologies and techniques of making gas appliances.

Within a year Valor was able to launch its own product. The development of the Valorflame shows that the company has come a long way since then. The development was done internally—interestingly two entirely separate parts of the company were asked to try and overcome the technological problems. They were not allowed to contact each other and the better solution was adopted and put into production.

Although Montague's diversification plans were praised in the mid-60s, by the end of the decade they were being strongly criticised, as much of the expanded empire was divested at a loss. The share price had fallen from a one-time high of 30/- to 3/-.

Aggrieved institutional shareholders persuaded Montague to call in a merchant bank to carry out an examination. Within a year, after a substantial re-organisation which involved concentration on its heating division, the company was back in reasonably rude health. In 1978 it tried unsuccessfully to buy Flavel, the gas cooker manufacturer—although it made a sizeable profit on the subsequent sale of its shares to Glynwed, the rival bidder. A year later it successfully bought



Michael Montague by his Valorflame fireside.

Newholme-Veritas, makers of heating, lighting and cooking equipment, for about £5m.

This gave Montague his cooker division—the Newholme-Veritas subsidiary. Stoves, was combined with an earlier purchase of a gas cooker developed (but not produced) by Hoover. He claims Valor now has around 15 per cent of the gas cooker market—mainly at the bottom end.

Valor's success in both gas heaters and cookers has of course been greatly helped by the strong price advantage of gas. Montague is confident that gas will continue to keep a sufficient differential.

Although more successful than in the sixties, Valor has been far from consistent in the last decade (see graph). There have again been product

failures, such as a half electric-half gas cooker—an idea which had failed for another company before—and a wall-mounted gas boiler.

There was also a disastrous investment of £750,000 in the Belgian group, Forges de Ciney, which made losses and finally ended in a workers' occupation.

But Montague remains ebullient about the future. He will continue to look for new products and new investments; he is going into kitchen furniture, for example. And he is talking of entering the growing leisure industry, though he does not care to give away in which direction his thoughts lie.

As always, it seems he will be more prepared than most to take a risk. As long as more pay off than fail, then he will still be able to smile.

EXECUTIVE HEALTH

BY DR. DAVID CARRICK

Going round in circles

MANY STRANGE adventures have befallen me on trains. Some have been amusing; many maddening; a few distressing; and a number bizarre.

Having recently seen a number of patients suffering from "giddy spells" or vertigo, I was reminded of one of the more bizarre railway incidents. One morning, several years ago, a friendly guard asked me to have a look at a man in a lavatory. I followed him unwillingly. Certainly, there seemed to be a large man in the lavatory, but owing to his size and the foetal position he had adopted, the door would only open a few inches, allowing me a mere peep at the unfortunate occupant, who was moaning and being sick alternately.

Questioning was much hampered by these interruptions, and examination was impossible except for one damp wrist which contained a surprisingly satisfactory pulse. I gathered that the man had become dizzy suddenly; that he had sinusitis; and that he had been swimming before breakfast. Although faintly negative symptoms, I decided against stopping the express as it limped wearily through suburbs to London; but I briefed one passenger to get an ambulance as soon as we arrived, and another to arrange help in extracting the man from his wooden womb. Before the train had drifted to a halt, both men leapt off into action, and I promised the trapped vomiter a rapid release.

I was too optimistic. Twenty minutes passed before the ambulance arrived and, as to the station staff, one minor official seemed more worried about removing the train from the platform than anything else. No, he had not got a screwdriver



... the door would only open a few inches ...

to remove the door and it was not his job. No, there was no stretcher—would a fish-barrow do? His final suggestion was that I should go back whence I had come so he could have his platform back! Fortunately the ambulance men arrived before I had created a second casualty for them, and we soon had the door off and the poor patient on his way to hospital, wherein his "epidemic vertigo" was treated satisfactorily.

Vertigo is a horrible symptom; the patient finds that everything is going round him or vice-versa. Standing is impossible and, as with my man, nausea and vomiting often occur. There are many causes for the condition, some of which are serious, but the commonest are more alarming than sinister, to the patient and those around him.

Excepting relatively rare conditions, the symptom is

caused by malfunction of one of the organs of balance (the labyrinth in the inner ear) peripherally, centrally or in the vestibular nerve connecting the two. Such malfunction may be purely mechanical, as with seasickness, which is caused largely by the delicate organs being subjected to rapid alterations in acceleration in different planes, as a result of pitching and rolling.

Interference with blood-supply to the labyrinths, as may occur with arterial disease, hypertension or severe anaemia, can lead to transient vertigo when the patient gets up too quickly. Alcoholic poisoning can produce a similar picture, as can hormonal disturbances in some menopausal women.

Ménière's syndrome is marked by repeated attacks of vertigo with vomiting, but a notable feature here is progressive deafness plus a tiresome tinnitus between the attacks of vertigo. It is a most unpleasant complaint but considerable progress has been made in recent years, particularly with medication, for the alleviation of a crippling malady.

Fortunately, a far more common cause than any of those diseases mentioned (such as that which afflicted my puking passenger) are completely curable acute disorders. Sometimes the cause is a virus; more often it is a mixed bag of organisms spread from the upper respiratory region to the labyrinths. Treatment by antibiotics, inhalations and drugs such as Stemetil and Stelazine render the patient quite well within a few days, and so he can be reassured after examination—but not through a six-inch gap in the doorway of a lurching BR lavatory.

Business courses

Industrial Tribunals: presenting your case. Leamington Spa, January 30. Details from The Industrial Society, St. Albans House, Portland Street, Leamington Spa, Warwick, CV32 5EZ

Marketing and Budgeting for Profit, London, February 5-6. Fee: £150 (plus VAT). Details from Industrial and Commercial Techniques, Park House, Park Street, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 2PT

International Company Lawyers Conference, Geneva, February 20-22. Details from Management Centre Europe, avenue des arts 4, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium.

Word Processing for Supervisors, London, February 13-14. Fee: £180 (plus VAT). Details from Programme Administrator, Management Studies Centre, 5 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berks, SL4 1EZ.

Successful Systems Design: The Human Element, Uxbridge, Middx, February 25-29. Details from The Secretary, Management Programme, Brunel University, Uxbridge, Middx, UB8 3PH.

System Control Language, Wolverhampton, February 18-22. Fee: £250 (plus VAT). Details from Courses Administration, Compowor Training School, Cannock, Staffs, WS11 3HZ.

Financial Control of Research and Development, Bradford, February 27-29. Details from Brian Twiss, the Management Centre, Heaton Mount, Keighley Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD9 4JU.

Project Management, Cranfield, February 17-29. Details from Barry Fielden, Cranfield School of Management, Cranfield, Bedford, MK43 0AL.

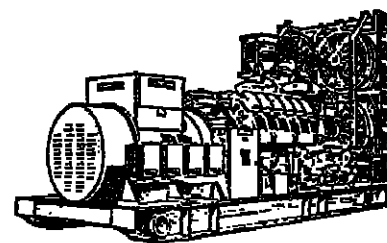
We brought a new generation to an ancient civilization

The Middle East means more today than just oil and sand, an ancient culture and colourful history. Ambitious infrastructural and industrialization projects herald a new era in a previously isolated arid environment—and Petbow generated the power.

Worldwide, Petbow generators provide base load electricity on site for major civil engineering projects and standby electricity to protect industry, commerce and essential public services.

We design, build, install and commission complete power centres from small self-contained generators up to massive power complexes of 10,000kVA output, operating 40 machines in parallel, 24 hours a day.

To contractors, consultants and engineers that's total expertise from Europe's largest generating set manufacturer—To developing countries it means a new generation.



Petbow generating sets

Petbow Limited
Sandwich Kent CT13 9NE England
Telephone Sandwich (03046) 3311
Telegrams Petbowid Sandwich
Telex 96329

Whatever the size of your project, whatever the scope of your ambitions, come to the Long-Term Credit Bank.

As one of Japan's leading long-term credit banks, with assets exceeding US\$42 billion, a long-established and extensive international network, and excellent relations with major Japanese companies, we are in a good position to help and advise you.

You'll find our staff of international financial experts helpful, courteous and cooperative. Because we are an independent bank with no major financial affiliations, we can offer you just the kind of comprehensive and unprejudiced information you will need for business with Japan.

Coming to terms with the LTCB is one of the best ways there is of coming to terms with Japan.

In the long term, the best choice

THE LONG-TERM CREDIT BANK OF JAPAN, LTD.

Head Office: Otomachi, Tokyo, Japan. Tel: 211-5111. Telex: J24308. New York Branch: 140 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10005, U.S.A. Tel: 787-1170. Telex: 425722. London Branch: 3 Lombard Street, London EC3V 3AH, U.K. Tel: 623-9511. Telex: 885305. Los Angeles Agency: 707 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90017, U.S.A. Tel: 488-1768. Telex: 673558. Amsterdam, Sydney, São Paulo, Singapore, Frankfurt, Paris, Toronto, Hong Kong, Brussels.

LOMBARD

Down with John of Gaunt

BY MALCOLM RUTHERFORD

THERE IS at least one matter on which one agrees with Charles I: Shakespeare is better read than seen.

Thus re-reading *Richard II* the other day for the first time since one had acted in it at school turned out to be a salutary experience. The play, I remembered, consisted basically of splendid speeches by Richard: for example, the one which includes the lines "For God's sake let us sit upon the ground and tell sad stories of the death of kings." Others may recall the speech by John of Gaunt which begins "Methinks I am a prophet new inspired."

Now, one had always regarded Gaunt as a tedious old fellow—rather like Polonius behind the arras—whose outburst about the state of England set in the way of the main business, which was the soliloquy of King Richard.

What one had never quite realised before, however, was the intensity of the politics.

Divine right

If one had thought about it at all, the moral was that of Richard was too much of a poet to be much of a king. In this one appears to be in quite good company: Coleridge, Swinburne, Yeats and Wilde all played around with the same interpretation. Yet on reflection the idea does not stand up. Indeed you might advance the same evolution (some people do) about the flaws in Hamlet, Macbeth, Othello or even

Richard. The real reason why these characters speak like poets (rather than say like Mrs. Thatcher or Mr. Heath) is that they are the heroes of poetic dramas written by Shakespeare. It is as simple as that.

The politics are based on the deposition of Richard by the usurper, Bolingbroke, who happens to be John of Gaunt's son. There has been an argument ever since about whose side Shakespeare was on. Again it seems to me that the answer is simple: he was far too good a playwright to have sided wholly with either. Yet what cannot be argued with any degree of seriousness is that he was anti-Richard and pro-Bolingbroke.

There are several reasons for this. There is very little direct evidence in the play that Richard was a particularly bad king. There is a good deal of sympathy for the doctrine of divine right, which implies that even bad kings must be accepted. Moreover, Bolingbroke himself is distinctly unattractive: witness, for instance, his summary despatch of Richard to the Tower and the arrest of the Bishop of Carlisle by the usurper's thug of a henchman, Northumberland. So much for civil liberties.

None of that, however, explains the appalling John of Gaunt. In the sources Gaunt is scarcely mentioned. The chronicler Holinshed notes him as just one more baron on the make. Yet up pops Gaunt in *Richard II* to deliver one of the most quoted speeches in the English language. Everybody knows it. "This other Eden, demi-paradise... this happy breed... this precious stone set in the silver sea," et cetera.

It is, of course, nonsense. The words bear no relation to the state of England at the time, slowly recovering from the black death; nor has anyone been able to prove that they are especially pertinent to the end of the 14th century when the play was written. They are also quite irrelevant to the plot. Gaunt's strictures might have been applied more fittingly to Bolingbroke than to Richard.

There is no evidence that Richard is as disolute as he suggests. Gaunt's own character is never developed: he is a tetchy old man suddenly given the moraliser's equivalent of a song-and-dance act.

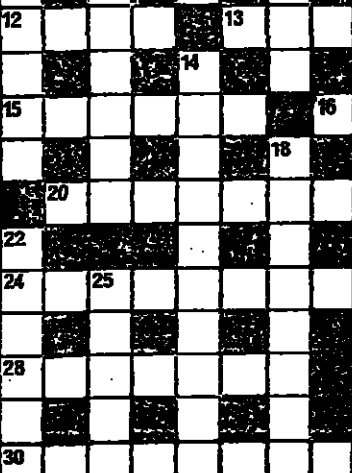
Nationalism

My own view is that the speech is a purple passage, inserted rather as a composer's flourish with a popular tune inside a more complex work, or perhaps written in for a special actor. Yet it passed into anthologies of English verse as early as 1800 and has been there ever since. For some it is a kind of touchstone of English nationalism, after God Save the Queen and Rule Britannia. If it had not been for John of Gaunt, we might never have been so pleased with ourselves.

8.10 Panorama.
8.10 News.
9.25 The Monday Film: "A Question of Guilt," starring Tuesday Weld.
11.00 Film 80.
11.30 Ancestral Voices.
11.55 Weather/Regional News.
All Regions as BBC-1 except as follows:

Wales: 1.45-2.00 pm Pili Pala.
2.18-2.34 For Schools. 5.55-6.20 Wales Today. 6.45-7.15 Heddiu.
11.55 News and Weather for Wales.
Scotland: 11.00-11.20 am For Schools. 12.15 pm It's A Great Life. 12.40-12.45 The Scottish Play School (as BBC-2 11.00 am). 4.20 Touch'd Turtle. 4.25 Jackanory. 4.40 Playhouse. 5.10 John Craven's Newsround. 5.15 Blue Peter.
5.40 News.
5.55 Nationwide (London and South West only).
6.20 Nationwide.
6.45 A Question of Sport.
7.15 Blake's Seven.

F.T. CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 4173



ACROSS

- 1 Take away from some French tube (6)
- 4 Centre the ball and obstruct part of goal (8)
- 10 Support us in a spot (7)
- 11 Drug company with a nice mixture (7)
- 12 Frolic with a bird (4)
- 13 Handy pole that is in nunnery (10)
- 15 Scribble a stroke from the south (6)
- 16 A cherry designed for shooting (7)
- 20 Way to speak or stammer (7)
- 21 Point of view right for fisherman (6)
- 24 Church small coin that's worthless (10)
- 26 Instrument used in early recordings (4)
- 28 Begin melody out-of-doors (4-3)
- 29 Diminish two notes in front of pamphlet (7)
- 30 Weight in sled spotted with colour (8)
- 31 Odds to perseuse and overlay (6)

DOWN

- 1 Reveal record and fall to win (8)
- 2 Leave rodent and soldier in North Africa (6, 3)
- 3 A lot of fish initially rammed in tin (4)
- 5 Rescue and return to health (8)
- 6 Part of watch that's not new (6-4)
- 7 Wait around front of registry for one about to be married (5)
- 8 Stubborn bird on top of pen (6)
- 9 Vex any small number within (5)
- 14 Change defender for up-and-down track (10)
- 17 Athletic event to broadcast anew to people (5-4)
- 18 Practise with soldiers on late transport (8)
- 19 Stopped to get taken into custody (8)
- 22 A burden, but this clue isn't (6-4)
- 23 Dishonest start of number in team (5)
- 25 Article soldiers present (5)
- 27 Check the obstacle (4)

The solution of last Saturday's prize puzzle will be published with names of winners next Saturday.

Britain asks Luxembourg to untangle court's doubts over equal pay for sexes

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS have been a dominant feature of the law during the 1970s. And if the current list of pending cases before the courts is any guide, the 1980s bid fair to continue the trend.

The decade began with the Industrial Relations Act 1971, in the wake of the Labour administration's failure to execute its policy document, *In Place of Strife*, of 1968. In retrospect, it is plain that the legal sanctions in that Act were not designed as weapons in the hands of employers, if only because it was thought that no sensible employer would use them as such. In the event the Act's reputation took a severe blow when some militant dockers ended up in Pentonville Prison, to be rescued by the timely intervention of the Official Solicitor and the Court of Appeal. The National Industrial Relations Court under Lord Justice (then Mr. Justice) Donaldson, which was quietly and efficiently implementing the new provisions relating to unfair dismissal of employees and other uncontroversial parts of labour law, attracted all the political odium that was current. The judges were thus pitched for into the industrial scene in a manner that made them the focal point of much public comment and from which they have not been able to escape, despite the amending legislation of the

Labour administration from 1974 onwards.

The Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 restored the traditional basis of British labour law. In particular, it conferred on trade unionists the immunity from legal liability for actions taken in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute. As this column explained last week, that immunity provoked a constant stream of attempts by management to obtain labour injunctions, until the House of Lords gave the coup de grace to the idea that there could be any restrictions on the width of the immunity as laid down by Parliament. To the extent that Conservative administration will confine the immunity to primary picketing and picketing, the prospect must be a return to litigation at the hands of employers.

But it is the Employment Protection Act 1975, coupled with the contemporary legislation proscribing sex discrimination in the field of employment, that is immediately tempting the Equal Opportunities Commission and others to take up the cudgels on behalf of women, who in Britain are the most severely discriminated against of all their European sisters. But, apart from the enforcement of individual rights that the legislation provided and intended for resolution by the courts, the 1975 Act unwittingly

has spawned other litigious action.

The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS), which is the agency designed to keep industrial disputes firmly within the industrial forum and away from the forensic battlefield, has itself been, in its short life, plagued with legal suits. In its investigation into the recognition of trade unions at the ill-fated Grunwick Laboratories, ACAS was taken to court—all the way to the

myriad of cases that have been fought in the Industrial Tribunal and on appeal to the Employment Appeal Tribunal set up under the 1975 legislation. A body of jurisprudence has been built up on various aspects of the contract of service, on issues relating to unfair dismissal, on redundancy and on pay generally.

Almost daily three courts (comprising a High Court judge and two laymen) sit at 4 St. James's Square to hear appeals

in respect of his or her employment. Equal pay without discrimination based on sex means (a) that pay for the same work at piece rates shall be calculated on the basis of the same unit of measurement; (b) that pay for work at time rate shall be the same for the same job.

In *McCarthy's Ltd. v. Smith* the issue referred by the Court of Appeal to the European Court of Justice is whether the principle of equal pay for equal work is restricted to situations where men and women work alongside each other; or whether the principle applies where the woman can show that she receives less pay than a male worker who held the same job previous to her being employed. The Court of Appeal had held that under the Equal Pay Act 1970 (as amended by the Sex Discrimination Act 1975), the principle applied exclusively to simultaneous, and not to successive, employment. A second reference by the same court involved the question of pension funds. Lloyds Bank operates a pension fund for bank employees which for young entrants is more beneficial for male employees than for women.

But the most fascinating case is a recent reference made by the Employment Appeal Tribunal itself to Luxembourg in *Jenkins v. Kingsgate (Clothing Productions) Ltd.* In that case indirect discrimination was

operative as a result of the fact that in practice women were less likely to take up posts attracting the higher pay for full-time work as opposed to part-time work. Mrs. Jenkins has been employed for some years on a part-time basis. Her male counterpart at the factory received something like 91p per hour more than she did.

This was because, whereas she worked a full working week, she regularly did a little less than 30 hours a week. The company had maintained its differentiation between part-time and full-time workers in order to discourage absenteeism in the factory and also to ensure that machinery was used on a full-time basis. This primary question was whether there was a material difference between the rates of pay due otherwise than to a difference in sex.

When Mrs. Jenkins took her appeal to the Employment Appeal Tribunal her counsel conceded that unless she could invoke the provisions of Article 119 she could not succeed. Mr. Justice Slynn thought that the position of the full-time and part-time employee was one of considerable difficulty and importance. And so the European Court has been requested to give a ruling that will profoundly affect the working population of this country.

1979/1 W.L.R. 1188.
* *Worthington v. Lloyds Bank*
* To be reported shortly in *Common Market Law Reports*.

THE WEEK IN THE COURTS

BY JUSTINIAN

House of Lords—for the manner of its investigation and its conclusion based on partial evidence; and it lost. The duty of ACAS "to consult all parties," "makes such inquiries as it thinks fit," and "to ascertain the opinions of workers" were judicially reviewed again in a case brought by the Engineers' and Managers' Association.

That case too has found its way to the House of Lords, as has a similar recognition case involving the United Kingdom Association of Professional Engineers. There have been at least two other cases brought against ACAS that did not reach the exalted appellate courts. But the major growth industry in the courts has been

from the Industrial Tribunals. And there is no stemming of that tide of litigation.

But a new dimension has been added in the last few months. Three "equal pay" cases are now on their way to the European Court of Justice. The first, *Marshall v. Southampton and South-West Hampshire Area Health Authority*, will determine how far the English legislation relating to equal pay between the sexes meets the requirements of EEC law. Article 119 of the Rome Treaty establishes the principle that men and women should receive equal pay for equal work. "Pay" means the ordinary basic or minimum wage or salary, and any other consideration, in cash or in kind, which the worker receives, directly or indirectly,

Fall frustrates O'Neill

JONJO O'NEILL, who had seemingly been cruising to an easy victory in the NH jockeys' championship, now finds himself out of action for at least 10 days, following Netherton's

whittled-away or turned into a defeat.

With Tommy Carmody a long way adrift of the first-named pair, and John Francome still suffering from back trouble, it will be some time before only Lamb will be able to take advantage of O'Neill's absence.

Those who had, in my opinion, been clutching at straws in backing King Weasel for the Cheltenham Gold Cup at odds of 33-1 and 25-1 a day or two before Saturday's display, may well have the name of a top-class chaser rather than that of a smart handicapper on those Gold Cup vouchers now.

The outlook for today's racing seems, at best, to be only fair. Although no inspection

is planned for Wolverhampton, the course has taken a severe hammering from the first. There is a course inspection planned for 7.30 am at Chepstow.

Should racing go ahead at Wolverhampton, Pulse Rate should be chosen in the Stourbridge four-year-olds hurdle. This Daily Express Triumph Hurdle prospect would have been ridden by O'Neill.

WOLVERHAMPTON
1.15—Prince Hotacilla
1.45—Royal Gaze**
2.15—Charbonnier
2.45—Pulse Rate***
3.15—Princely Foe
3.45—Tomboola*

RACING

BY DOMINIC WIGAN

crashing fall at Newcastle on Saturday.

Successes on Clayside and King Weasel in earlier races, however, had taken the Irishman's score to 62—14 ahead of Ridley Lamb—and I have no doubt that we shall see O'Neill back in action before that commanding lead has either been

All IBA Regions as London except at the following times—

ANGLIA
1.25 pm *Anglia*. 2.00 Monday Film *Matinee: "The Promise."* 3.45 Food, Wine and Friends. 5.15 University Challenge. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30 *Anglia*. 7.00 *Anglia*. 7.30 *Anglia*. 8.00 *Anglia*. 8.30 *Anglia*. 9.00 *Anglia*.

BBC 2
10.05 am *It Figures*.
10.30 *Working With Young People*.
11.00 *Play School*.
11.30 *Money*.
11.55 *Money*.
12.30 *Money*.
1.00 *Money*.
1.30 *Money*.
1.55 *Money*.
2.20 *Money*.
2.45 *Money*.
3.10 *Money*.
3.35 *Money*.
3.55 *Money*.
4.20 *Money*.
4.45 *Money*.
5.10 *Money*.
5.35 *Money*.
5.55 *Money*.
6.20 *Money*.
6.45 *Money*.
7.10 *Money*.
7.35 *Money*.
7.55 *Money*.
8.20 *Money*.
8.45 *Money*.
9.10 *Money*.
9.35 *Money*.
9.55 *Money*.
10.20 *Money*.
10.45 *Money*.
11.10 *Money*.
11.35 *Money*.
11.55 *Money*.

ATV
1.20 pm *ATV*.
1.45 *ATV*.
2.10 *ATV*.
2.35 *ATV*.
3.00 *ATV*.
3.25 *ATV*.
3.50 *ATV*.
4.15 *ATV*.
4.40 *ATV*.
5.05 *ATV*.
5.30 *ATV*.
5.55 *ATV*.
6.20 *ATV*.
6.45 *ATV*.
7.10 *ATV*.
7.35 *ATV*.
7.55 *ATV*.
8.20 *ATV*.
8.45 *ATV*.
9.10 *ATV*.
9.35 *ATV*.
9.55 *ATV*.
10.20 *ATV*.
10.45 *ATV*.
11.10 *ATV*.
11.35 *ATV*.
11.55 *ATV*.

BORDER
1.20 pm *Border*.
1.45 *Border*.
2.10 *Border*.
2.35 *Border*.
3.00 *Border*.
3.25 *Border*.
3.50 *Border*.
4.15 *Border*.
4.40 *Border*.
5.05 *Border*.
5.30 *Border*.
5.55 *Border*.
6.20 *Border*.
6.45 *Border*.
7.10 *Border*.
7.35 *Border*.
7.55 *Border*.
8.20 *Border*.
8.45 *Border*.
9.10 *Border*.
9.35 *Border*.
9.55 *Border*.
10.20 *Border*.
10.45 *Border*.
11.10 *Border*.
11.35 *Border*.
11.55 *Border*.

CHANNEL
1.20 pm *Channel*.
1.45 *Channel*.
2.10 *Channel*.
2.35 *Channel*.
3.00 *Channel*.
3.25 *Channel*.
3.50 *Channel*.
4.15 *Channel*.
4.40 *Channel*.
5.05 *Channel*.
5.30 *Channel*.
5.55 *Channel*.
6.20 *Channel*.
6.45 *Channel*.
7.10 *Channel*.
7.35 *Channel*.
7.55 *Channel*.
8.20 *Channel*.
8.45 *Channel*.
9.10 *Channel*.
9.35 *Channel*.
9.55 *Channel*.
10.20 *Channel*.
10.45 *Channel*.
11.10 *Channel*.
11.35 *Channel*.
11.55 *Channel*.

GRANADA
1.20 pm *Granada*.
1.45 *Granada*.
2.10 *Granada*.
2.35 *Granada*.
3.00 *Granada*.
3.25 *Granada*.
3.50 *Granada*.
4.15 *Granada*.
4.40 *Granada*.
5.05 *Granada*.
5.30 *Granada*.
5.55 *Granada*.
6.20 *Granada*.
6.45 *Granada*.
7.10 *Granada*.
7.35 *Granada*.
7.55 *Granada*.
8.20 *Granada*.
8.45 *Granada*.
9.10 *Granada*.
9.35 *Granada*.
9.55 *Granada*.
10.20 *Granada*.
10.45 *Granada*.
11.10 *Granada*.
11.35 *Granada*.
11.55 *Granada*.

HITV
1.20 pm *HITV*.
1.45 *HITV*.
2.10 *HITV*.
2.35 *HITV*.
3.00 *HITV*.
3.25 *HITV*.
3.50 *HITV*.
4.15 *HITV*.
4.40 *HITV*.
5.05 *HITV*.
5.30 *HITV*.
5.55 *HITV*.
6.20 *HITV*.
6.45 *HITV*.
7.10 *HITV*.
7.35 *HITV*.
7.55 *HITV*.
8.20 *HITV*.
8.45 *HITV*.
9.10 *HITV*.
9.35 *HITV*.
9.55 *HITV*.
10.20 *HITV*.
10.45 *HITV*.
11.10 *HITV*.
11.35 *HITV*.
11.55 *HITV*.

LONDON
9.30 am *Schools*.
10.00 *News*.
10.30 *News*.
11.00 *News*.
11.30 *News*.
12.00 *News*.
12.30 *News*.
1.00 *News*.
1.30 *News*.
2.00 *News*.
2.30 *News*.
3.00 *News*.
3.30 *News*.
4.00 *News*.
4.30 *News*.
5.00 *News*.
5.30 *News*.
6.00 *News*.
6.30 *News*.
7.00 *News*.
7.30 *News*.
8.00 *News*.
8.30 *News*.
9.00 *News*.
9.30 *News*.
10.00 *News*.
10.30 *News*.
11.00 *News*.
11.30 *News*.
12.00 *News*.
12.30 *News*.
1.00 *News*.
1.30 *News*.
2.00 *News*.
2.30 *News*.
3.00 *News*.
3.30 *News*.
4.00 *News*.
4.30 *News*.
5.00 *News*.
5.30 *News*.
6.00 *News*.
6.30 *News*.
7.00 *News*.
7.30 *News*.
8.00 *News*.
8.30 *News*.
9.00 *News*.
9.30 *News*.
10.00 *News*.
10.30 *News*.
11.00 *News*.
11.30 *News*.
12.00 *News*.
12.30 *News*.
1.00 *News*.
1.30 *News*.
2.00 *News*.
2.30 *News*.
3.00 *News*.
3.30 *News*.
4.00 *News*.
4.30 *News*.
5.00 *News*.
5.30 *News*.
6.00 *News*.
6.30 *News*.
7.00 *News*.
7.30 *News*.
8.00 *News*.
8.30 *News*.
9.00 *News*.
9.30 *News*.
10.00 *News*.
10.30 *News*.
11.00 *News*.
11.30 *News*.
12.00 *News*.
12.30 *News*.
1.00 *News*.
1.30 *News*.
2.00 *News*.
2.30 *News*.
3.00 *News*.
3.30 *News*.
4.00 *News*.
4.30 *News*.
5.00 *News*.
5.30 *News*.
6.00 *News*.
6.30 *News*.
7.00 *News*.
7.30 *News*.
8.00 *News*.
8.30 *News*.
9.00 *News*.
9.30 *News*.
10.00 *News*.
10.30 *News*.
11.00 *News*.
11.30 *News*.
12.00 *News*.
12.30 *News*.
1.00 *News*.
1.30 *News*.
2.00 *News*.
2.30 *News*.
3.00 *News*.
3.30 *News*.
4.00 *News*.
4.30 *News*.
5.00 *News*.
5.30 *News*.
6.00 *News*.
6.30 *News*.
7.00 *News*.
7.30 *News*.
8.00 *News*.
8.30 *News*.
9.00 *News*.
9.30 *News*.
10.00 *News*.
10.30 *News*.
11.00 *News*.
11.30 *News*.
12.00 *News*.
12.30 *News*.
1.00 *News*.
1.30 *News*.
2.00 *News*.
2.30 *News*.
3.00 *News*.
3.30 *News*.
4.00 *News*.
4.30 *News*.
5.00 *News*.
5.30 *News*.
6.00 *News*.
6.30 *News*.
7.00 *News*.
7.30 *News*.
8.00 *News*.
8.30 *News*.
9.00 *News*.
9.30 *News*.
10.00 *News*.
10.30 *News*.
11.00 *News*.
11.30 *News*.
12.00 *News*.
12.30 *News*.
1.00 *News*.
1.30 *News*.
2.00 *News*.
2.30 *News*.
3.00 *News*.
3.30 *News*.
4.00 *News*.
4.30 *News*.
5.00 *News*.
5.30 *News*.
6.00 *News*.
6.30 *News*.
7.00 *News*.
7.30 *News*.
8.00 *News*.
8.30 *News*.
9.00 *News*.
9.30 *News*.
10.00 *News*.
10.30 *News*.
11.00 *News*.
11.30 *News*.
12.00 *News*.
12.30 *News*.
1.00 *News*.
1.30 *News*.
2.00 *News*.
2.30 *News*.
3.00 *News*.
3.30 *News*.
4.00 *News*.
4.30 *News*.
5.00 *News*.
5.30 *News*.
6.00 *News*.
6.30 *News*.
7.00 *News*.
7.30 *News*.
8.00 *News*.
8.30 *News*.
9.00 *News*.
9.30 *News*.
10.00 *News*.
10.30 *News*.
11.00 *News*.
11.30 *News*.
12.00 *News*.
12.30 *News*.
1.00 *News*.
1.30 *News*.
2.00 *News*.
2.30 *News*.
3.00 *News*.
3.30 *News*.
4.00 *News*.
4.30 *News*.
5.00 *News*.
5.30 *News*.
6.00 *News*.
6.30 *News*.
7.00 *News*.
7.30 *News*.
8.00 *News*.
8.30 *News*.
9.00 *News*.
9.30 *News*.
10.00 *News*.
10.30 *News*.
11.00 *News*.
11.30 *News*.
12.00 *News*.
12.30 *News*.
1.00 *News*.
1.30 *News*.
2.00 *News*.
2.30 *News*.
3.00 *News*.
3.30 *News*.
4.00 *News*.
4.30 *News*.
5.00 *News*.
5.

Ooh La La! by B. A. YOUNG

The Long Voyage Home

Frankl's Schumann

March opening for 'On the Twentieth Century'

Small consolation for McEnroe

Le nozze di Figaro

Sequeira Costa

DAVID MURRAY

The Magic Flute

Blondie

from Yugoslavia to Austria to give concerts in Linz and Vienna. The Linz concert will take place in the Brucknerhaus. On Sunday, March 18, the orchestra will drive to Vienna for a concert in the Grosse Musikvereinsaal, home of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. The tour will be undertaken with the financial assistance of the British Council and the City of Birmingham Orchestra Endowment Fund.

Impressive performance by Chelsea

They were in the later stages the most impressive club I have seen in the Second Division this season, yet basically relying on the same players minus their most accomplished one, Ray Wilkins, relegated.

The Geoff Hurst-Bobby Gould partnership promises to become one of the most effective in the managerial business.

This intelligent, well-contrasted pair have brought to Chelsea a professionalism, dedication, balance and discipline boding well for the future, and these four important virtues can

The Geoff Hurst-Bobby Gould partnership promises to become one of the most effective in the managerial business.

This intelligent, well-contrasted pair have brought to Chelsea a professionalism, dedication, balance and discipline boding well for the future, and these four important virtues can

Borg was behind 2-3, 3-4, 4-5 and 5-6 but each time his concentration and courage held. He increased the power of his first serves and in four service games lost only five points.

After an opening ace in the tie-break—his fourth of the match—McEnroe suddenly cracked. Three errors and three Borg passes left him 1-6 behind and serving.

He never saw Borg's backhand reply at match point. It was a mercifully clean death.

Connors, now 27, who has led the American and Association of Tennis Professionals rankings for the past five years, has been eclipsed not only by the 23-year-old Borg but also by McEnroe who, at 20, is the youngest of this elite group.

At 25, Gerulaitis appears to be maturing late under the clever guidance of Australia's former U.S. champion, Fred Stolle.

Council switches to BL buses

DERBY CITY Council Transport Committee has changed a recommendation to buy two Volvo bus chassis, and is ordering a cheaper version from BL.

Mr. Peter Crook, the transport manager, said that supply from BL was uncertain.

Volvo was able to meet the council's date. But Mr. John Godfrey said: "If more people were a bit more patriotic, then Leyland would not be in the mess it is now."

FINANCIAL TIMES

Eurobond Quotations and Yields

AIBD

THE ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL BOND DEALERS At 31st DECEMBER 1979

The Association of International Bond Dealers (AIBD) compiles current market quotations and yields for Eurobond issues. These quotations and yields are published monthly by the Financial Times. The Association's prices and yields are compiled from quotations obtained from market-makers on the last working day of each month.

There is no single stock exchange for Eurobonds in the usually recognised sense—secondary market trading business is done on the telephone between dealers scattered across the world's major financial centres. Membership of the AIBD (which was established in 1969) comprises over 450 institutions from about 27 countries.

Eurobonds in December

BY FRANCIS GHILES

DECEMBER PROVED to be a quieter month in the Eurobond markets than might have been expected. The events in Iran and the surge in the price of gold could have unsettled the markets badly but, though the performance was lacklustre, the three weeks or so before Christmas were fairly quiet, with some traders reporting good business during the third week of the

month when a number of the large bond houses had already closed their books.

In the dollar sector a new type of borrower appeared, a U.S. Savings and Loan Association: unfortunately the lead manager of the planned Dade Savings and Loan Association bond, Kidder Peabody, had to pull the issue because of the deterioration in market conditions later in the month.

The climate in the Deutsche Mark sector meanwhile remained buoyant with all new issues well received in the market. A few days before Christmas the Capital Markets Sub-Committee reported a record calendar of new issues for the four weeks to January 21: DM 1.2bn, a higher figure than at any time in the past 12 months.

The month of December

started quietly but in depressed mood. The deepening crisis between Iran and the U.S. cast its shadow. A rally which began at the tail end of November essentially as a result of the fall in U.S. interest rates, quickly evaporated. The uncertainty which raged the market had causes which were all too familiar to dealers and investors.

The dollar exchange rate came under growing pressure; U.S. interest rates, which had declined in the latter part of November, began to move up again, while the price of silver and gold soared to levels not seen since the Volcker package eight weeks earlier. At the same time demand built up for stronger currency bonds, be they Swiss Franc or Deutsche Mark denominated.

A graduated dollar bond for the ECSC was launched, the third of its kind for this borrower, and met with a good reception, but otherwise the bulk of new offerings came in the form of floating rate notes. On December 4, the first straight dollar Eurobond in four months was announced for the EIB. Two-thirds of this issue were intended for the UK investors but in the event about that proportion went to overseas investors. A number of straight dollar bonds followed but some,

because of the tight terms on which they were offered, were not well received as underwriters who had received from the lead manager far more than they could place were obliged to dump paper in the secondary market.

This was in particular, the case with the issues for GMAC and Eksporfinans. Maybe the most interesting feature of the month, even if the issue was pulled when the market deteriorated was the mortgaged backed certificate offering by Dade Savings and Loan Association. AS and L must offer CDs rather than securities if it is to tap overseas markets without paying U.S. withholding tax. But AS and L cannot issue CDs in London because it is not a bank. So investors have to be offered bearer depositary receipts in a European entity which would have channelled the funds into the necessary CDs. A few months ago S. G. Warburg arranged a private placement of such instruments but nothing of a public nature had been launched. Despite the initial setback, at least 40 months ago such S and L Association are understood to be waiting in the wings and as such would be a welcome adjunct to the growing list of U.S. names which are tapping the Eurobond market.

Later in the month new issues continued to trickle into the market. Some whose terms were realistic, like the FRN for Midland Bank were, warmly received, others which offered too fine terms fell to heavy discounts as soon as they started trading: as it was, the levels at which they settled in pre-market trading provided an accurate assessment of what investors thought of them.

As is usual when the dollar sector puts in a lacklustre performance, bonds dominated in stronger currencies were in strong demand. Deutsche Mark bonds were well received despite the fact that the coupons on new offerings continued to be cut as the month proceeded. Domestic D-Mark bonds also found eager non-German buyers as did Schulschne notes of which more were sold than foreign D-Mark bonds. By December 31, demand was so good for foreign D-Mark bonds that the Capital Markets Sub-Committee was able to settle for the highest new issue calendar in 12 months, some DM 1.2bn. Some German bankers however had doubts as to the market's ability to absorb such a large volume.

Swiss Franc bonds were also in good demand and, in this sector as well, yields offered on new issues continued to decline.

As they searched for new currencies in which to raise funds, borrowers came across the Norwegian Krone. The issue arranged for the Nordinvest Bank proved to be a great success and was increased from its initial size to Nkr 80m but it is doubtful whether this sector will really emerge as an important one. Two issues were arranged, which were denominated in Austrian Schillings, a rare occurrence.

Despite the prevailing morosity throughout much of last year, statistics compiled by Morgan Guaranty Trust showed that a record number of new issues were floated in 1979: \$18.78bn worth of Eurobonds was launched, \$1bn more than the record set in 1977 and well above the figure of \$14.13bn for 1978. Dollar denominated issues accounted for 66.5 per cent of all new issues, a record percentage while D-Mark issues only accounted for 19.7 per cent in 1979 as compared with 3 per cent in 1978 and 23 per cent in 1977.

However as the volume of German Schulschne notes estimated to have been sold last year to non-German residents is estimated by German bankers at over DM 10bn Eurobond figures alone do not tell the whole story.

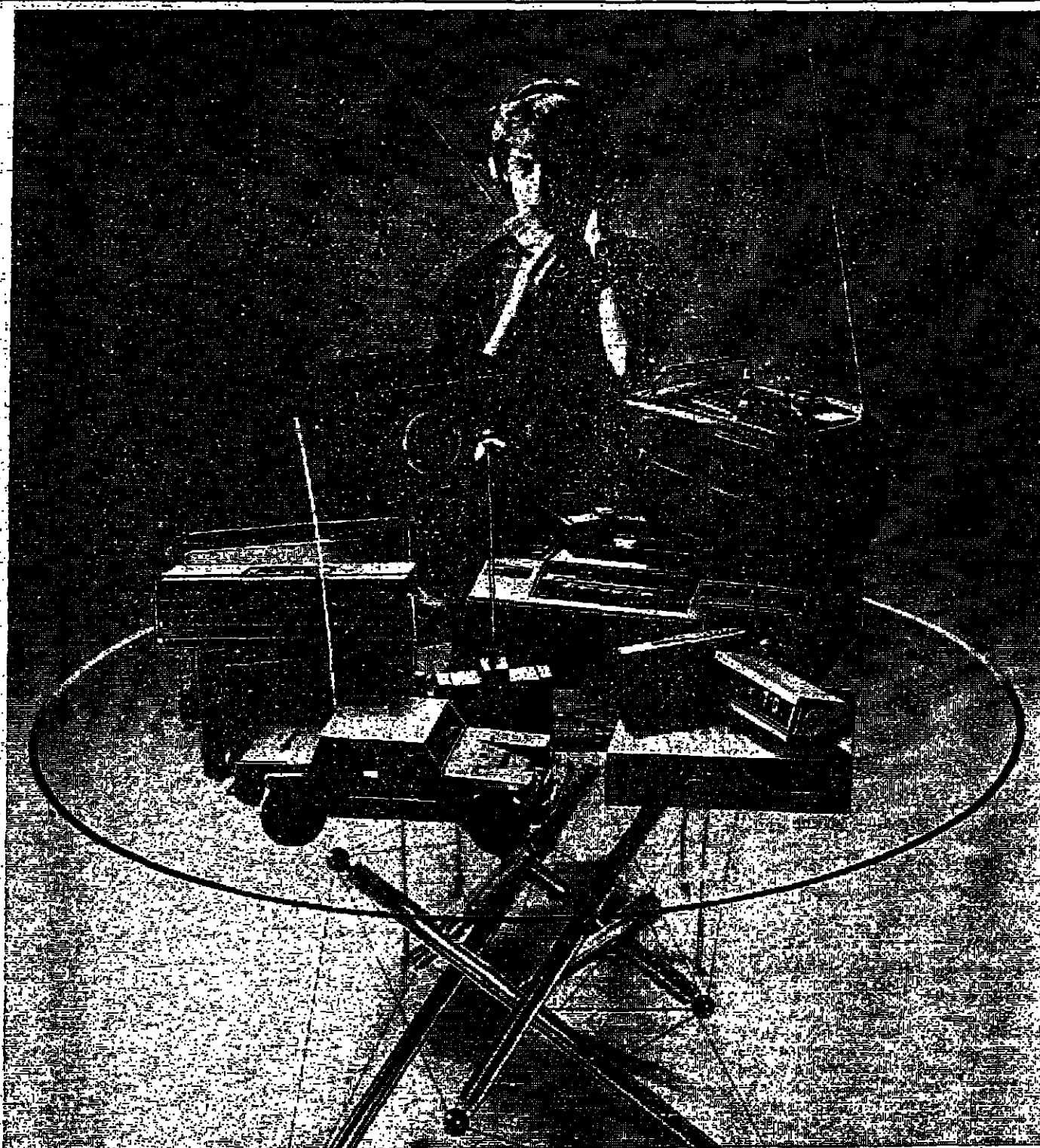
CONTENTS

GROUP HEADINGS	PAGE	GROUP HEADINGS	PAGE
US Dollars—Algeria	II	—Mexico	III
—Australia	II	—Netherlands	III
—Austria	II	US Dollars—New Zealand	III
—Belgium	II	—Norway	III
—Bolivia	II	—Panama	III
—Brazil	II	—Papua	III
US Dollars—Canada	II	—Philippines	III
—Colombia	II	—Portugal	III
—Denmark	II	US Dollars—Singapore	III
—Finland	II	—South Africa	III
US Dollars—France	II	—Spain	III
—Gabon	II	—Sweden	III-IV
—Germany	II	US Dollars—Switzerland	IV
—Greece	II	—Venezuela	IV
US Dollars—Hong Kong	II	—United Kingdom	IV
—Hungary	II	—United States	IV
—Iceland	II	US Dollars—Multinational	IV-V
—Iran	II	—Supranational	IV-V
US Dollars—Ireland	II	US Dollars—Floating Rate	V
—Israel	II	—S. Africa	V
—Italy	II	Austrian Schillings	V
—Jamaica	II	Canadian Dollars	V
US Dollars—Japan	II-III	Euroguilder	V-VI
—Korea	III	Euro Composite Units	VI
—Luxembourg	III		
		Euro Currency Units	VI
		Euro Units of Account	VI
		French Francs	VI
		Hong Kong Dollars	VI
		Japanese Yen	VI
		Kuwait Dinars	VI
		Kroner (Denmark)	VI
		Kroner (Norway)	VI
		Luxembourg Francs	VI
		Saudi Riyals	VI
		Sterling/DM	VI
		Australian Dollar/DM	VI
		External Sterling Issues	VI
		Special Drawing Rights	VI
		Convertible—France	VI
		—Hong Kong	VI
		—Japan	VI
		—Luxembourg	VI
		—Netherlands	VI
		Convertible—Singapore	VI
		—S. Africa	VI
		—Sweden	VI
		—Switzerland	VI
		—U.K.	VI
		Convertible—U.S.	VI-VIII

The table of quotations and yields gives the latest rates available on 31st December, 1979. This information is from reports from official and other sources which the Association of International Bond Dealers considers to be reliable, but adequate means of checking its accuracy are not available and the Association does not guarantee that the information it contains is accurate or complete.

All rates quoted are for indication purposes only and are not based on, nor are they intended to be used as a basis for, particular transactions. In quoting the rates the Association does not undertake that its members will trade in all the listed Eurobonds and the Association, its members and the Financial Times Limited do not accept any responsibility for errors in the table.

COMPILED FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL BOND DEALERS BY INTERBOND SERVICES LTD. ★ A subsidiary of data STREAM International



Growing up fast. TDK and a whole new generation.

To thrive in the high technology, knowledge-intensive electronics industry, you've got to be fast—fast in identifying growth segments and fast in developing new products.

At TDK we have succeeded in doing both. As a leading supplier of ferrite materials and components to almost any electronics manufacturer you can name, we have been in the forefront of technological developments in the past decade. Our ferrite technology has facilitated the growth of color television, stereo and VTR. Our compact rare earth cobalt magnets, the strongest in the world, are enabling the miniaturization of radios and improving the performance of motors and speakers.

And the advanced state of our magnetic recording tape technology has given us a lead in the field of VTR tape—a product demanding the highest performance.

Quick response to market needs will be even more crucial in the 1980's. Higher performance, better quality and other demands all require innovative technology. TDK is prepared, with ideas for a whole new generation of products and consumers.

TDK manufactures ferrite cores and magnets, coil components and memory devices, ceramic capacitors and magnetic recording tapes.

TDK
TDK ELECTRONICS CO. LTD.
2-4, Nishizumi 1-chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan

Creditanstalt-Market Makers in Austrian Schilling Bonds and International Bonds of Austrian Issuers.

Selected Austrian Schilling Bonds*	Middle Market price (27.12.79)	Yield to average life	Current Yield	Redemption (MD: Mandatory Drawings by lot PF: Purchase Fund SF: Sinking Fund)
Maturity up to 5 years				
8 1/2% Österreich 1973/B/81	101,—	7,89	7,92	15. 2.77-81 at 101,0 MD
8 1/2% Österreich 1974/B/82	103,75	8,24	7,71	1. 4.76-82 at 104,0 to 104,5 MD
8 1/2% Österreich 1975/S/83	101,25	8,21	8,40	5. 3.76-83 at 100,0 to 101,0 MD
8 1/2% Innsbruck 1974/B/82	101,25	7,99	8,40	19.11.75-82 at 100,5 MD

Maturity over 5 years				
8 1/2% Österreich 1976/S/86	102,75	8,27	8,27	20. 2.81-86 at 101,5 to 104,0 MD
8 1/2% Österreich 1977/I/B/86	99,25	8,19	8,06	15. 9.82-86 MD
7 3/4% Österreich 1978/IV/C/86	97,50	8,24	7,95	1. 9.86
8 1/2% Airlberg Straßentunnel 1977/B/85	99,50	8,17	8,04	29. 7.80-85 MD
8 1/2% Energie 1975/I/B + S/85	103,25	8,28	8,23	29.10.79-85 at 103,5 MD
8 1/2% Energie 1977/S/I/B/86	99,—	8,25	8,08	4.10.82-86 MD
8 1/2% Steyr-Daimler-Puch 1976/B/86	103,50	8,22	8,21	9. 3.81-86 at 103,0 to 104,0 MD
8 1/2% VÖEST-Alpine 1977/B/86	99,—	8,25	8,08	15.11.82-86 MD
8 1/2% CA-BV 1977/I/A/92	100,—	8,00	8,00	15.10.78-82 MD
8 1/2% OKB Export 1978/II/C/86	99,50	8,09	8,04	20. 6.86
7 3/4% European Investment Bank 1978/86	97,75	8,18	7,93	22.12.86 PF

*Interest is payable without deduction for or on account of Austrian taxes.

Selected International Bonds of Austrian Issuers	US\$	Yield	Current Yield	Redemption
5 3/4% Alpine Montan 1965/85	93,—	7,28	6,18	15. 6.72-85 SF
6 5/8% Austrian Electricity 1966/86	98,—	7,27	6,76	1. 7.70-86 SF
6 3/4% Austrian Electricity 1967/82	97,50	8,83	6,92	1.10.71-82 SF
6 1/2% Republic of Austria 1964/84	97,25	7,41	6,17	31. 1.71-84 SF
6 3/4% Republic of Austria 1967/82	97,25	9,04	6,94	15. 3.72-82 SF
8 3/4% Republic of Austria 1976/90	85,75	11,16	10,20	15. 8.78-90 SF
8 1/4% Tauernautobahn 1977/87	85,75	11,57	9,62	15. 3.83-87 SF
DM				
5 3/4% Österreich 1978/90	87,—	7,81	6,61	1.11.85-90
6 3/4% VÖEST 1977/89	95,75	7,52	7,05	1. 6.84-89
7 1/2% Tauernkraftwerke 1968/83	100,—	7,00	7,00	1. 2.74-83

For current prices and further information please contact:
For Austrian Schilling Bonds: Robert Jekl, Robert Wasinger (Telephone: 6622/1701, 1707, Telex: 74261-63)
For International Bonds: Walter Vogl (Telephone: 6622/2222, Telex: 136948)

Code for Reuter Monitor Securities Program: CA DA, CA DB



Creditanstalt
Creditanstalt-Bankverein, Schottengasse 6, A-1010 Vienna.

Figure 1. The structure of the proposed model.

[illegible][illegible]

[illegible]

**Future publication dates for AIBD
supplements are:**

FEBRUARY	11th
MARCH	11th
APRIL	14th
MAY	14th
JUNE	11th
JULY	14th

U
e
i
f
i
r
l
f

l
e
e
f
f
f

.

.

.

AIBD

73%	Sweden	79/89
74%	Switzerland	79/89P
81%	Taipei	79/89
92%	Tauernautobahn	74/85
93%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
94%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
95%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
96%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
97%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
98%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
99%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
100%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
101%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
102%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
103%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
104%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
105%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
106%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
107%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
108%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
109%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
110%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
111%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
112%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
113%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
114%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
115%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
116%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
117%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
118%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
119%	Tauernautobahn	75/85
120%	Tauernautobahn	75/85

REGION 10 - UNITED STATES

15 Arnhold and S. Bleichroeder Inc.
10 Bear Stearns & Co.
20 Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc.
30 Kidder, Peabody & Co. Inc.
32 Lehman Bros. Kuhn, Loeb Inc.
33 Leazard Freres & Co.
35 Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner
Smith Inc.
60 Salomon Brothers
80 Atlantic Capital Corporation

REGION 11 - MIDDLE EAST

205 The Arab Co. for Trading Securities

6%	Worldbank	72/82	.....
6%	Worldbank	72/87	.....
6%	Worldbank	73/82	.....
6%	Worldbank	73/85	.....
6%	Worldbank	75/82FP	.....
8%	Worldbank	75/83	.....
8%	Worldbank	75/83	.....
8%	Worldbank	75/82FP	.....
7%	Worldbank	75/83FP	.....
7%	Worldbank	76/83	.....
7%	Worldbank	76/83	.....
8%	Worldbank	76/83FP	.....
8%	Worldbank	76/84	.....
6%	Worldbank	77/82FP	.....
7%	Worldbank	77/85FP	.....
6%	Worldbank	77/86FP	.....
7%	Worldbank	77/87	.....
6%	Worldbank	77/87	.....
6%	Worldbank	77/87	.....
8%	Worldbank	76/83	.....
6%	Worldbank	76/83	.....
6%	Worldbank	76/83	.....
7%	Worldbank	76/83FP	.....
7%	Worldbank	76/83FP	.....
6%	Worldbank	76/81	.....
7%	Worldbank	80/80	.....
6%	Yokohama	68/83 (G)	.....
7%	Yokohama	68/84 (G)	.....
8%	Yokohama	71/81 (G)	.....
8%	Yoshida Kogyo	75/80	.....
6%	Yupong, Inc.	Bank 77/8	.....

	Middle Price	Current Yield	Life*	Yield to Maturity*	Repayment D-mandatory drawing by lot at par sinking fund P-purchase fund
7/22 11 PP (G)	96.50	8.03	2.71	9.24	16. 9.82
93PP (G)	97.50	8.21	3.84	9.78	1.11.93
94PP (G)	97.00	7.99	4.17	9.82	1. 3.84
95 (G)	96.00	7.69	6.42	9.84	1. 6.79-88S
100PP (G)	100.00	8.25	4.54	9.80	1. 3.75-85D
10 (G)	100.10	9.24	0.51	8.83	1. 7.80
100 (G)	99.00	8.33	0.59	9.91	1. 7.79-90D
100PP (G)	99.00	8.16	0.66	9.45	2. 1.81
222PP (G)	96.00	8.03	2.94	9.95	16. 9.82
100 (G)	98.00	8.16	0.51	8.66	1. 7.83
100 (G)	96.00	8.16	3.67	8.53	1. 9.83
100 (G)	96.00	8.33	3.52	8.54	1. 12.83
3 (G)	98.75	7.24	8.09	7.55	1. 7.79-88S
100 (G)	96.00	8.66	4.58	7.13	1. 3.84
100 (G)	96.00	8.33	3.52	7.70	1. 5.8
P	92.25	8.50	5.57	7.55	16. 6.79-90D
7/22PP	97.50	7.95	2.59	8.84	1. 8.82
92.75	7.01	8.01	7.75	1. 1.88	
92.50	8.49	8.87	7.18	1. 9.84-88S	
93.75	8.33	9.17	7.48	1. 3.88-88S	
97.76	7.16	5.17	7.68	1. 3.75-85D	
100.00	10.00	0.78	9.88	110.80	
102.70	8.32	3.56	7.83	1. 4.79-87D	
102.00	8.33	2.51	7.56	1. 7.82	
98.30	7.55	8.59	7.50	1. 8.79-88S	
98.00	7.36	8.09	7.50	1. 2.78-88S	
101.90	21.83	4.58	7.54	1. 3.80-88S	
97.50	6.92	7.17	7.20	1. 3.78-87S	
98.70	7.09	8.17	7.21	1. 3.78-88S	
102.00	8.33	1.74	7.28	1. 6.80-83S	
97.00	6.70	4.34	7.21	1. 5.84	
90.25	8.65	9.52	7.42	1. 12.83-89S	
101.75	7.62	8.51	7.48	1. 7.89	
101.40	7.43	7.58	7.43	1. 8.89	
100.00	9.50	0.21	9.15	16. 3.50	
103.00	9.22	1.51	7.28	1. 7.81	
101.70	8.33	1.17	8.08	1. 3.82	
102.00	8.82	2.12	7.47	1. 3.83	
96.25	8.45	13.26	7.27	1. 3.84	
100.00	7.00	2.07	7.12	1. 2.74-83D	
96.75	8.07	7.78	7.01	1. 9.74-83S	
99.90	8.01	13.84	8.01	1. 3.79-88S	
101.00	8.40	2.17	8.84	1. 3.82	
94.75	8.61	3.26	8.13	1. 4.83	
102.00	8.33	2.26	7.47	1. 4.82	
101.75	8.11	2.51	7.48	1. 7.82	
99.00	7.57	7.17	7.39	1. 3.72-81D	
101.00	7.57	8.87	2.85	1. 12.76-84D	
96.70	6.72	5.34	7.26	1. 6.86	
100.00	9.50	0.11	9.11	due 10. 2.89	
92.50	8.96	3.76	7.87	1. 10.83	
96.75	8.07	7.78	7.01	1. 10.78-87S	
94.30	6.38	3.26	8.84	1. 4.85	
96.00	6.89	3.92	7.48	1. 12.73-83S	
97.50	8.57	3.35	8.09	1. 4.86-86D	
98.50	7.54	4.77	8.01	1. 2.84-88S	
98.00	8.66	8.06	7.43	1. 2.84-88S	
94.00	8.12	3.52	7.57	1. 8.83	
102.50	8.51	1.82	8.22	1. 12.81	
104.00	8.17	4.86	7.44	1. 8.81-87S	
94.00	8.66	8.98	7.89	16.12.84	
90.00	6.38	3.26	8.84	1. 8.84	
94.75	7.12	2.34	8.32	30. 8.82	
96.75	6.92	3.76	7.82	1. 10.74-83S	
96.00	8.12	3.17	7.56	1. 3.84-88S	
100.50	7.18	10.84	7.83	1. 3.84-88S	
100.00	10.00	3.42	7.12	1. 3.84-88S	
94.00	8.21	2.61	7.95	1. 6.74-83S	
94.00	8.12	4.86	7.23	1. 8.79-84D	
100.75	8.44	4.89	8.28	1. 7.79-88S	
102.00	8.33	2.26	7.47	1. 4.82	
96.00	7.03	6.82	7.51	1. 6.81-85D	
96.75	6.79	8.84	7.16	1. 8.84-85D	
93.50	7.12	3.26	7.47	1. 11.79-88S	
99.50	6.53	0.59	8.00	1. 4.71-88S	
96.75	6.72	2.48	8.00	2. 1.77-84D	
98.50	6.60	8.26	7.34	1. 6.75-84D	
96.75	6.32	2.48	8.00	2. 1.77-84D	
96.00	8.20	7.18	7.66	1. 7.79-84D	
99.25	6.78	7.58	7.48	1. 7.79-84D	
103.00	7.77	3.41	6.88	1. 8.80	
96.75	5.52	3.28	7.57	1. 6.77-86D	
96.00	6.58	7.71	7.73	1. 6.77-86D	
96.25	6.58	2.51	7.73	1. 12.77-86D	
96.75	6.86	3.46	7.76	1. 7.82	
97.00	6.76	3.09	7.40	1. 7.79-87D	
97.50	6.76	3.09	7.40	1. 7.82	
102.00	8.09	2.42	7.29	1. 5.89	
101.65	8.07	2.42	7.29	1. 5.89	
102.10	8.08	2.42	7.28	1. 12.82	
96.75	6.78	3.51	7.33	1. 7.83	
100.00	7.92	2.89	7.33	1. 7.83	
96.75	6.78	3.51	7.33	1. 7.83	
100.40	7.47	7.76	7.23	1. 10.82	
96.75	6.78	3.24	7.24	1. 10.82	
100.00	7.65	3.78	7.24	1. 5.83	
97.00	6.78	3.78	7.24	1. 5.83	
102.25	7.82	4.09	7.34	1. 12.83	
93.75	5.67	2.71	8.14	1. 2.84	
96.00	7.14	2.71	7.34	1. 2.84	
96.80	6.81	5.34	7.47	1. 3.85	
96.75	6.47	7.71	7.80	1. 5.85	
96.50	7.22	7.71	7.80	16. 5.85	
92.25	7.06	6.01	7.89	1. 1.87	
91.50	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.87	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.59	7.88	1. 5.84	
90.30	6.78	4.			

Iran awakens banks to political risk

BY NICHOLAS COLCHESTER

THERE IS now an uneasy calm in the syndicated bank lending market as banks and borrowers across the world wait and see how the much-prophesied increase in the banks' fees and interest margins will develop.

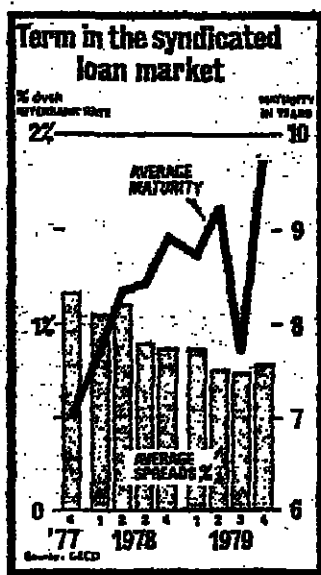
This calm is strangely at odds with the "crisis" which was supposedly unleashed upon the banking world by President Carter's decision to freeze Iranian assets in American banks. Today, with the benefit of seven weeks hindsight, it seems fair to assert that the fabric of the Euro-market has survived the Iranian development surprisingly intact, just as survived the previous Iranian shock and the period of acute uncertainty which followed the "Volcker package" in October.

None of these events has come close to matching the collapse of Herstatt Bank in 1974 in its immediate impact on the market for syndicated loans; yet who can deny that each one of them was far more important than the failure of a small German bank?

Herstatt was revolutionary, Iran's impact will be evolutionary, says Herr Volcker, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank's important Luxembourg subsidiary. Herstatt shut the loan market down for a few months and, after this hiatus, it had a dramatic impact on the terms on which loans were extended.

Herstatt had this impact because it was the first real upset to hit what was only a six-year-old market in syndicated loans, and because it was an upset on the funding, rather than on the asset, side of that market.

Although the source of the Herstatt Bank's troubles had nothing to do with loans—its collapse was due to speculation in the foreign exchange market—the bankruptcy made depositors acutely nervous of placing money in less well established banks. The Japanese banks, as aggressive newcomers



to the market, were the most obvious target of this discrimination.

Banks may pretend that questionable loans are still good assets, but they cannot pretend that they have money to lend that they will not raise. The Herstatt crisis effectively reduced the number of participating banks, and hence the competition, in a very nervous business. This created classic conditions for a rise in prices which, in the loan market, means a stiffening of terms and conditions.

So far, no problem on the asset side of the international loan business—that is, fears over the credibility of borrowing countries—has yet had this crucial effect of raising fears about the credibility of certain banks. Neither the debt problems of Zaire, Turkey, and Iran, nor the turbulence in U.S. interest rates, which followed the Volcker package, have led to a fragmentation of the market in the Euro-dollar deposit market. It is the prospect of some future country default which

does have an impact on bank deposits which prompts deep concern about the present role of international banks.

The U.S. freeze of Iranian bank assets came, in the words of Mr. André Coussement of Kredietbank Luxembourg, as "an excuse and as a wake-up call." It was an additional excuse for banks to claim that terms on loans must and their long slide in favour of the borrower (see chart).

It was a wake-up call to the reality of political risk. The decision that the syndicated loan market was a piece of the world economy somehow beyond the reach of Government interference was swept away. The events in Iran thus primed the financial markets to react as quickly as they have to the possibility that the "credit weapon" might be used in retaliation against the Russian invasion of Afghanistan.

Dr. Walter Selpp, vice-chairman of Westdeutsche Landesbank, has referred to the Iranian debacle as "a singular event." It was singular because it was a rare case of a borrower with deposits and assets in Western countries which matched its liabilities.

In most cases of country debt the "credit weapon" has two edges: the lender has as little to gain from a showdown as the borrower. Unlike a company, a country's assets cannot be sold off after bankruptcy proceedings. So, in the words of one London banker, "the essence of the syndicated loan business is avoiding declaration of default."

Default is a three-stage process. First there is the "event of default" when the borrower breaches the terms of the loan agreement. Next the lending banks must agree to "declare default." Finally they must decide to "call" for repayment and accelerate the loan, as it is pitifully put.

As far as London bankers can remember, Iran is the first case

where the machinery of default on a major syndicated loan has been tested through to its conclusion.

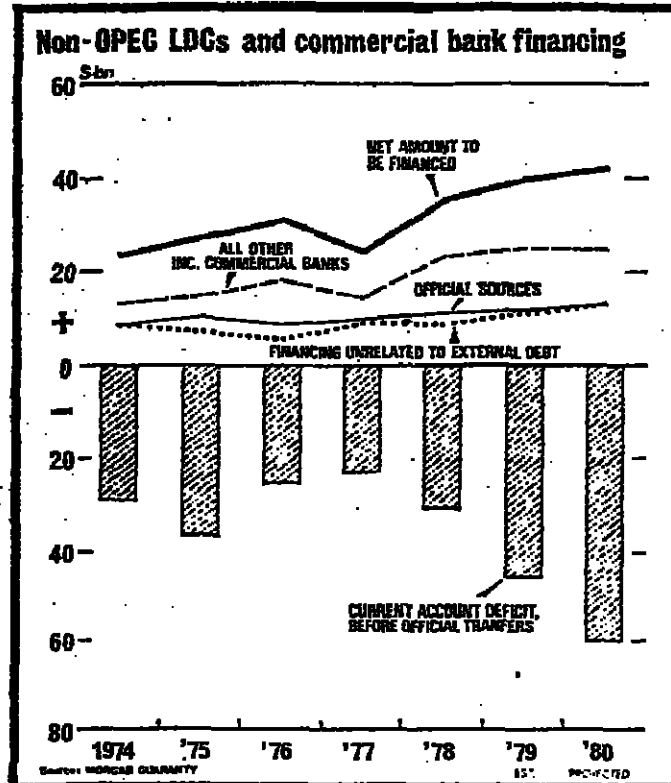
The resulting legal wrangles, and the precedents which will be established in their solution, will have significant technical consequences for the way loan agreements are drafted. When can banks seize a borrower's bank assets? How do banks in one loan protect themselves when assets are seized by banks in another? How are seized assets shared out? These are just some of the practical questions thrown up by Iran.

But, equally, there are consequences which Iran does not seem to have had. There does not seem to be any permanent damage to the relationship between banks of different nationalities which will prevent them coming together in syndicates in the future. There does not seem to be any large-scale shifting of deposits by developing countries out of U.S. banks. There does not seem to be any significant flight out of U.S. dollar deposits into other currencies: it would certainly show in the exchange rate if there had been.

What remains is a widespread wariness which has given added impetus to a trend in lending terms which was already established before the Iranian hostages were seized.

These terms reached their earliest point just before the IMF meeting in Belgrade at the start of October last year. The "jumbo" loan of \$1.2bn for Brazil which was put together during this meeting, probably marked the end of the decline.

It was a loan for 12 years with an initial "spread" above the London interbank offered rate of 1 per cent. Since then the resistance of bankers has stiffened. Loans of above 8 years are now hard to arrange and loans of above 10 years, at least, are proving hard to sell—one example would be



the \$200m loan for Banque Nationale d'Algerie with its margin of 1 per cent for 10 years.

Quite apart from the Volcker package, Iran and Afghanistan, this bottoming out in terms was due to a number of factors:

• Terms had reached the point where, even forgetting risk altogether, they barely produced a sufficient return on capital.

• Increases in bank capital were not keeping pace with assets growth because the return on capital had become so unexciting.

• Banks, particularly U.S. banks, were running up against capital limitations.

• Regulatory constraints, or at least the threat of them, were increasing. The most telling

example was the Japanese Ministry of Finance's decision to stop, virtually, the participation of Japanese banks in the syndicated loan market. The Japanese banks had made a major contribution to the competition in the business.

• Exposure of individual banks to particular borrowers had reached (elastic) internal limits set by bank managements.

• There was a dwindling in the flow of new, unexposed, bank into the business. Dresdner Bank, for instance, carried out an analysis of the 1,000 largest banks in the world (which includes some pretty small ones). It found very few which had not already joined the game.

There was a worrying increase in the financing requirements of the developing world which resulted from the rise in the price of oil.

The last point constitutes the challenge which lies beyond the market's current uneasy calm. Only a year ago it seemed that the second oil shock would be rather small beer compared with the first one and that the international banks would be able to channel the resulting OPEC surpluses towards the deficits of other countries without too much trouble.

The projections by Morgan Guaranty in our chart show the new magnitude of the problem. The projected current account deficits of the non-oil developing world are, at \$50bn, double what they were in 1977. It is only because developing countries as a whole were able to "over-borrow" during the past four years—building up their reserves despite their deficits—that they will be able to hold their private borrowings down to last year's level of a net \$25bn. This figure ignores the replacement of maturing debt which will, according to Amex Bank, result in their need to raise a total of \$40bn plus of new capital this year—a figure which is also unchanged from the previous year.

These estimates throw up two distinct questions. Will the banking system meet these demands? And should the banking system meet these demands? The very fact that the market is starting from a position of rock-bottom bank charges suggests that 1980 will be another year in which the borrowing requirements of today will be met. And, as usual, the borrowing requirements of tomorrow will be left for tomorrow.

The general view among bankers is that there is still ample liquidity in the loan market, that terms on credits to borrowers of good standing will not move substantially from the current low level, but that

terms for stretched developing countries will become stiffer. This stiffening is of great consequence to the profitability of banks, who live off the "spread," but only of minor significance to the borrowers whose problem is availability of funds and the absolute level of dollar interest rates.

The critical question for Brazil for instance is how much longer it must pay 14-15 per cent to service the bank loan element in its \$50bn of foreign debt, and not whether it pays a spread over that rate of 1 per cent or 1 per cent for its new borrowing. Should the banks go on lending? The oil price rise has prompted a new wave of suggestions from bank economists and bank executives that the burden be taken off the bank's shoulders. The alternative solutions include a greater role for the IMF as lender and loan arranger, increased aid, new international lending institutions, more direct lending and investment by the OPEC countries, and greater recourse to the bond market by third-world borrowers.

All of these seem preferable to the present "willing suspension of disbelief." Yet it seems safe to assume that the alternatives will only be introduced piecemeal and when banking relations with specific debtors—Poland or Turkey, perhaps—reach a total impasse where bank syndicates are unwilling or unable to provide additional funds on whatever terms.

The only way to bring on such a situation, except via the next, perhaps more damaging, crisis of a debtor country, is a toughening of the regulatory framework in which the international banks operate. This is why it is depressing to read reports that the major central bank: have decided to "go slow" on the development of international banking regulations precisely to make it easier for the banks to repeat their recycling performance.

Letters to the Editor

Investment and construction

From the Director of Economic Affairs, National Federation of Building Trades Employers

Sir, Mr. Samuel Brittan in his Economic Viewpoint (January 2), and Mr. Peter Riddell in his analysis of the "new round of cuts" (December 21) have admirably drawn to our attention the enormity of the task which the Government has set itself in finding another £2bn or so of cuts to the 1980-81 public expenditure plans which were set out in the "mini" White Paper published early in November.

While Mr. Riddell may have a valid point in his strictures upon the know-nothing anti-inflation brigade, we are still left with the thorny question of where the Government is going to rustle up these cuts from between now and early March when the delayed full public expenditure White Paper is due to be published. Mr. Riddell put his finger on a key concern arising out of this question when, with masterful understatement, he said that "there is a limited extent to which capital investment can be cut back further without causing damage in the long-term."

Indeed, I would submit that after the massive and disproportionate cuts of capital spending in recent years there is no room left at all for further reductions.

Readers will, no doubt, have been quick to label my "special interest" and to foresee the case that I shall put forward to protect my neck of the public expenditure woods, namely construction programmes. Of course, I am serving the interests of construction firms who service these programmes. But I should hardly deny it—but the most compelling reasons for raising the alarm bells about possible construction cuts concern the future prosperity of the economy as a whole just as vitally as the health and stability of the construction industry.

The Government and its predecessor have gone on record in recognising the important contribution of a strong construction industry towards the revival of the economy's fortunes and the immense damage which has been done in the past through the violent and disproportionate cutting of construction projects as the easiest target to hit in a crisis. The Government has also criticised the steady erosion in recent years of capital investment as a proportion of total government expenditure. Since 1973-74, for example, capital investment has declined from 23 per cent to 13 per cent of total public expenditure, while construction spending has fallen from 14 per cent to 10 per cent.

To its credit, this Government did at least maintain a commitment to stability in construction programmes—albeit at woefully inadequate levels relative to our objectively identified needs for replacement sewers, improved water system, more efficient road network and so on—when it published its 1980-81 expenditure plan two months ago. The unseen arithmetic behind this commitment may have raised some suspicious eyebrows but, given the tight constraints within which the Treasury had been obliged to work, its attempt to avoid the easy option

of sacrificing long-term investment projects as a way out of facing up to reality on current expenditure was to be applauded.

The danger now would be if, in the rush to assuage political and pure monetarist/low public sector borrowing requirement opinion with the extra £2bn cuts in the 1980-81 plans, the Government were to sacrifice this commitment towards maintaining investment programmes and hence to long-term economic revival.

Honest men may well disagree about the appropriate PSBR level during a recession, but surely not about the short-sightedness of cutting investment in vital infrastructure as a means of squaring the financial and political circle. The Government—and its backbench supporters—could not in all honesty countenance such a denial of its underlying aim to revive the supply side of the economy. Let us hope that this message is clearly understood in the coming weeks as the final revised public expenditure plans are being drawn up.

James Stevenson,
82, New Cavendish Street, W1.

Funded and unfunded

From the Treasurer, Gwynedd County Council

Sir, Your report of January 8 does not distinguish between

Post Office policies

From the Managing Director, Posts, Post Office

Sir, Julian Blackwell, of Blackwell, and a former chairman of the Mail Users Association, criticises the postal service for failing to see into the future as clearly as the MUA (January 7).

He criticises me for "refusing to consider and discuss" the question of reviewing delivery arrangements. But the possibility and desirability of various changes to delivery arrangements have been in consideration for some time. And how can his statement be true when report no. 21 of the Post Office Users' National Council says that "The Post Office is currently consulting POUNC and the unions on this matter?" I hope that Mr. Blackwell would agree that a considered review of present delivery arrangements in the light of customers' changing communications needs and labour availability should precede the conclusions on the changes which might be made. That is what I am doing.

Mr. Blackwell urges me to be more responsive to MUA advice on this subject, but if I were to make decisions on the basis of MUA pronouncements what should I make of these two contrasting statements by that body: "MUA opposes the idea of a single delivery a day because of the severe worsening of service it would produce" (MUA Press statement June 17, 1978) and "There is little justification in the 1980s for second deliveries to domestic areas. A start should be made to phase this out in order to avoid panic measures later" (MUA Press statement December 30, 1979). In his letter Mr. Blackwell says that the "MUA's record speaks for itself." So it does.

civil servants and other public servants, nor between funded and unfunded pension schemes.

Local government employees, including police and teachers, do contribute 6 per cent from their pay towards their pension. The teachers' pension scheme, managed by the Department of Education and Science, is a three-stage process. First there is the "event of default" when the borrower breaches the terms of the loan agreement. Next the lending banks must agree to "declare default." Finally they must decide to "call" for repayment and accelerate the loan, as it is pitifully put.

As far as London bankers can remember, Iran is the first case

Assassination run

From Mr. J. Gerson

Sir, Reluctant as I am to reply to a criticism of my work, believing critics are entitled to their opinions, favourable or otherwise, I read with incredulity Mr. Dunkley's staggeringly inaccurate review (January 9) of my TV serial The Assassination Run.

Yes, I did last year adapt Desmond Bagley's Running Blind. It was a thriller about

an ex-agent being pressured by his old boss to deliver a package of electronic apparatus to another agent in Iceland. He and his girlfriend are later pursued by various parties across Iceland. At no time was his girlfriend kidnapped, nor was he asked to kill anybody. Of course Mr. Dunkley says he was.

The Assassination Run, a series of events in the genre of the action spy thriller is about an ex-agent whose wife is kidnapped by terrorists in order to force him to assassinate a German newspaper owner. To reveal the rest of the plot would be unfair to viewers but the premise is obviously different, as is the outcome.

Also a comparison between the scenery of Iceland and Spain inclines me to believe Mr. Dunkley is myopic in the extreme. Or perhaps he is like the slot machine he accuses BBC Scotland of obtaining their plots from—blind and deaf. One hesitates to think of what might happen if Mr. Dunkley ever becomes a foreign correspondent. He would now obviously be reporting on the Afghan invasion of Russia. Incidentally I cannot comment on the Aphrodite Inheritance as I never saw it.

Jack Gerson,
3, Lauderdale Gardens,
Glasgow.

The value of benefits

From Mr. D. Lindsay

Sir, Mr. Frank Field, MP (January 8) wonders why middle-class families have taken so passively the Government's failure to increase child benefit. I can think of five good reasons.

It is in the nature of the middle classes to work for their keep and the keep of their families rather than to hold out a begging bowl for still more state largesse. Many middle-class families who might otherwise have complained have found it easier simply to sidestep the loss of child tax allowance by means of non-parental covenants, and so ensure for their children the advantages of an indexed tax allowance. Middle-class families have practised rigid economy, cutting down on, for example, toys (hence the failures among manufacturers), theatre and restaurant outings (I find children now a rarity in theatre audiences) and holidays (except for the camping variety in Britain) and even—this should be cause for concern—having fewer or no children. Middle-class children are now taking on more paid work at weekends and in school holidays, and many more middle-class mothers are, regrettably, now in paid employment. There is no association representing the family through which protest could be channelled, anyway.

Mr. Field also asks of what grounds I think a benefit that was specifically directed towards needy families, eg. by clawing back the child benefit drawn by tax-paying families, instead of being given freely to everyone, would have been increased under a Thatcher Government. Simple arithmetic and common sense supply the answer to that question.

D. G. Lindsay,
36, Orchard Coombe,
Whitchurch Hill,
Reading, Berks.

Today's events

GENERAL
UK: Mr. Geoffrey Armstrong, BL employee relations director, meets union negotiators on pay claim.

Steel unions' representatives meet Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service on steel strike.

Welsh leaders from the coal, steel and transport unions meet to discuss proposed industrial action.

Mechanics employees meet to discuss Liverpool factory shutdown.

Result of Esso tanker drivers' strike ballot expected.

Wm. Press executives accused

of fraud—committal proceedings at special court, Caxton Hall, London.

Sir Peter Gadsden, Lord Mayor of London, lunches with chairman and directors of the London Electricity Board, New Broad Street, EC2; dines with Grocers' Company at Grocers' Hall, EC2.

International Toy Trade Fair, Harrogate (until January 17).

Overseas: Lord Carrington, Foreign Secretary, on five-nation tour, starts three-day visit to Islamabad, Pakistan.

European Parliament five-day session opens, Strasbourg.

EEC Foreign Affairs Council starts two-day meeting, Brussels.

OFFICIAL STATISTICS
Department of Trade publishes provisional retail sales figures for December.

PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS
Parliament resumes after the Christmas Adjournment.

House of Commons: Second reading, Tenants Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Bill. Motion on the Rate Support Grant (Scotland)

Order, and on the Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Orders.

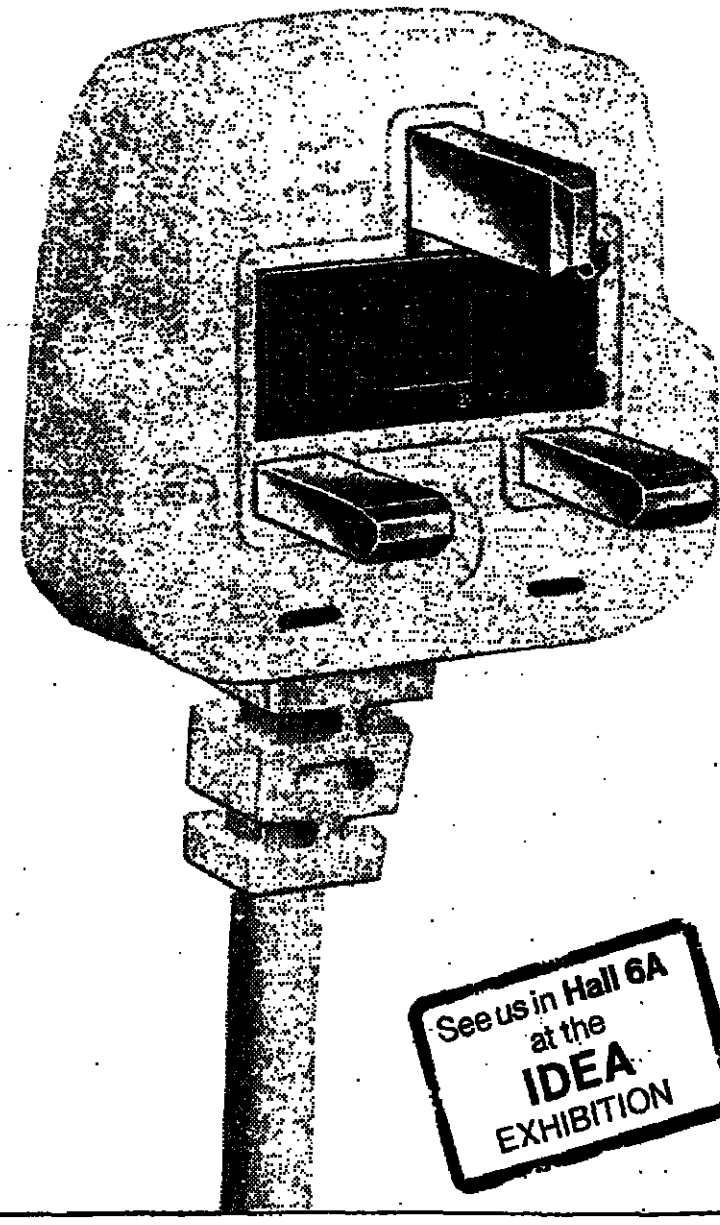
COMPANY RESULTS
Final dividends: Bell Brothers, Kenning Motor Group, Interim dividends: Howard Shuttering (Holdings), Raimor Group, Interim figures: Murray Northern Investment Trust.

COMPANY MEETINGS
See Financial Diary on Page 15.

LUNCHTIME MUSIC, London
Recorded music, All Hallow's-by-the-Tower, Byward Street, EC3, 1.0 pm.

Piano recital by Paul Berkowitz, St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, EC2, 1.0 pm.

The Pencon Plug is now connected to some famous names.



Electrical appliances fitted with the Pencon plug lead are now on sale in shops and showrooms throughout the U.K. and will come into even more widespread use as time goes on. A number of large and leading appliance manufacturers have adopted the Pencon plug as a standard fitment throughout their ranges of products with similar intentions in evidence by many other manufacturers in the electrical appliance industry.

The Pencon plug has been developed in the interest of public safety. The objective was to produce an integral plug lead which would be supplied to electrical appliance manufacturers thereby enabling appliances to be ready for use immediately and safely without any additional work on the part of the user.

Furthermore the Pencon plug complies with the requirements of BS.1363A as far as this is relevant and in fact goes beyond this standard in view of the radically new nature of the product. It is accepted by BEAB (British Electrotechnical Approvals Board) for use on BEAB approved appliances.

The plug is protected by patents and copyright designs.

PENCON

Developed in the interest of consumer safety by Pendle Connectors Ltd., Pendle Mill, Elizabeth Street, Leigh WN7 3AE. Tel. (0842) 603412, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Ward & Goldstone Group of Companies of which Pencon is a registered trade mark.

See us in Hall 6A at the IDEA EXHIBITION

UK COMPANY NEWS

Institutions get opportunity to confront Airfix on Meccano

INSTITUTIONAL shareholders of Airfix Industries will be able to confront the company over the troubled Meccano subsidiary at meetings later this month.

W. Greenwell, the company's stockbroker, has arranged meetings on January 23 and 24 at which nearly 20 fund managers will be able to question chairman Mr. Ralph Ehrmann. Between them, the institutional shareholders own more than 40 per cent of the company's shares, with Norwich Union holding 6.3 per cent—the largest stake.

A spokesman for Greenwell said yesterday that the most important issue would be Meccano, where losses have topped £4m over three years. Airfix intends to close down the Liverpool factory but this is being opposed by the workforce, who have staged a sit-in. Airfix's profits have slumped from £4m in 1976-77 to £1.5m last year. For the first half of the current year, profits dipped from £0.85m to £0.26m and the prospects for the second half, which includes the important Christmas season, are not encouraging.

THORN-EMI

Following Thorn's offer for EMI becoming unconditional, Thorn and EMI have agreed the terms of proposals to be submitted to holders of the 8½ per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 1981, of EMI.

In lieu of the right to convert into EMI ordinary stock at December 31, 1980 (the final conversion date), EMI convertible stockholders will be able to exchange all or any part of their holdings of convertible stock for ordinary shares and convertible preference shares of Thorn.

BOARD MEETINGS

The following companies have notified dates of board meetings to the Stock Exchange. Such meetings are usually held for the purpose of considering dividends. Official indications are not available as to whether dividends are in arrears or final and the sub-divisions shown below are based mainly on last year's timetable.

TODAY
Interim: E. Elliott, Howard Shuttling, Restmor.
Final: Burt Brothers, Claverhouse Investment Trust, Jira Rubber Plantations, Kenning Motor.

FUTURE DATES	
British Electric Traction	Jan. 17
Challenger Corporation	Feb. 28
Davy Corporation	Jan. 24
Dixons Photographic	Jan. 17
Hambro Trust	Jan. 31
London and Montrose Invest.	Jan. 17
Trust	Jan. 31
Textured Jersey	Jan. 31
Western Board Mills	Jan. 16
Whellings	Jan. 24
Albion	Jan. 16
Amalg. Tin Mines of Nigeria	Jan. 16
Muirhead	Jan. 24

The basis of exchange will be 15.87 ordinary shares and 32.87 7 per cent convertible redeemable second cumulative preference shares, 1982-1989, of Thorn for every £100 nominal of EMI convertible stock.

In addition it is proposed that with effect from February 8, 1980, the rate of interest payable on the convertible stock will be increased from 8½ per cent to 8½ per cent per annum.

Dealing in the shares of Louis C. Edwards and Sons (Manchester), suspended at 38p last November pending reorganization, are expected to resume on January 29.

This will follow an EGM the previous day at which shareholders will be asked to approve the acquisition of Cordons Bleu Freezer-Pool Centres. The company is also making an offer to

acquire Furniss and Co., a manufacturer of biscuits and confectionery.

Documents have been sent to shareholders setting out full details of Cordons Bleu and Furniss.

The company, which is managed by Mr. James Gulliver, former head of Fine Fare, said discussions relating to the proposed merger of Morgan Edwards, a grocery distribution company, were proceeding "satisfactorily" and that an announcement will be made at about the time of the extraordinary meeting.

Following the acquisition of Cordons Bleu and Furniss, the consolidated net assets of Louis Edwards and its subsidiaries will increase from £1.88m to £3.46m.

To assist the financing of Cordons Bleu, Edwards is proposing a rights issue of one-for-10 to raise around £0.8m gross. The maximum consideration for Cordons Bleu is £2.65m, while the offer for Furniss through Yorkshire Biscuits, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Edwards, involves a consideration of £0.48m.

British Vita explains Vita-tex offer

In a bid document, British Vita has disclosed reasons for its £4.2m offer for Vita-tex, the Slough-based textile finisher.

British Vita says it is seeking the acquisition because both companies have related interests in supplying the automotive and furniture industries. It expects to provide new outlets for Vita-tex products and use Vita-tex know-how.

Vita-tex has received assurances regarding continuance of the Vita-tex business by existing management and employees including confirmation that current plans at Vita-tex will not be affected.

Redundancies at Vita-tex are not expected as a direct result of the proposed acquisition.

The cash-and-shares package offered by British Vita values each Vita-tex ordinary share at 124.6p. Shareholders who accept the offer before February 5, the date of the extraordinary general meeting to approve the bid, can convert British Vita shares into an all-cash settlement worth £120.10p for every 100 Vita-tex shares.

Directors and institutional shareholders holding 63.8 per cent of Vita-tex shares have irrevocably accepted the offer.

Since its last balance sheet in December 1978, British Vita has acquired Furniss Components for £295,000; the Libelux NV group for £1.3m; and Portways for £1.15m.

EMESS LIGHTING

Dealings begin today in the shares of EMESS Lighting. The quotation follows a placing by Schaefer and Co. of an additional 423,592 ordinary shares of 25p each at 80p per share.

EMESS assemblies, imports and distributes lighting fittings to major store groups, mail order houses, wholesalers and retailers.

NEW LIFE BUSINESS

National Provident raises bonuses

BY ERIC SHORT

National Provident Institution, a leading mutual life company, has declared record bonus rates for both reversionary and terminal bonuses on its with-profit life and pensions business.

For its series 2 life assurance policies (issued since 1976), the reversionary bonus rate for 1979 is lifted by 20p from £4.25 per cent to £4.45 per cent of the sum assured and attaching bonuses. On series 1 policies, issued before 1976, the rates, based on the sum assured only, are all increased by 25 per cent.

The reversionary bonus rates on Self-Employed Retirement Plans are improved by 30p to £5.30 per cent compounded for the current series and £5.80 per cent compounded for policies issued before May 1, 1971.

The bonus rate for Visible Growth Fund and Capital Pension Plan contracts for 1979 is increased to 6½ per cent per annum, making 12½ per cent against 11 per cent, on the average annual standing on the credit of the deposit account.

Terminal bonuses paid on death or maturity claims have been improved, and in future will be based on the year of entry or the year in which the policy first shared in profits. The scale ranges from £5 per £100 of basic benefit for 1975 entry to £1,440 per £1,000 for 1924 or earlier. The previous maximum was £1,150.

NPI is a market leader in the self-employed pension market, but it found 1979 a dull year for this type of business. New annual premiums declined by 23 per cent on the year and single premiums by 7 per cent. Overall, new premiums received for self-employed pensions were 15 per cent lower at £12.5m.

However, the company pensions business remained firm,

with new premiums rising by 4 per cent to £9.1m. Executive pensions continued to be a strong market and there was steady incremental business from mainstream company pension schemes.

NPI's ordinary life business also fell last year, with annual premiums being 13 per cent lower and total new premiums dropping 9 per cent to £2.33m. The company stepped up its top-up mortgage lending in 1978, whereas a number of life companies did this last year.

AVON INSURANCE

Higher rates of interim reversionary bonus have been declared by the Avon Insurance Company, a subsidiary of the NFU Mutual.

For whole life and endowment assurances it is improved from 25 per cent to 25.50 per cent of the sum assured. On personal pension policies the rate is lifted from 27.50 per cent to 28 per cent of the basic benefit.

The company's next full declaration will be in respect of the three years ending December 31, 1980.

The company has improved its terminal bonus rates in respect of claims in 1980. On life assurances, the rate is lifted from 10 per cent to 15 per cent plus 1 per cent for each year prior to 1970, the rate being based on the total bonuses.

On personal pension policies the rate is improved from 40 per cent to 50 per cent plus 1 per cent for each year prior to 1970, again based on total bonuses.

New life assurance business was virtually unchanged last year with new annual premiums reaching £382,000 against £388,000 in 1978. New sums assured amounted to £28.5m compared with £28.5m.

New annual premiums on retirement annuities fell by one-third from £79,000 to £55,000, but single premiums improved 15 per cent from £49,000 to £55,000.

CRUSADER INSURANCE

Crusader Insurance Company, a member of C. T. Bowring and Co., reports 1979 annual premiums for 1979, net of reinsurance, 18 per cent higher at £7.8m, compared with £6.6m, and single premiums up by one quarter from £7.6m to £9.4m.

Net new sums assured amounted to £920m against £870m, with new annuities rising from £13.7m to £18.1m.

Ordinary life annual premiums improved slightly from £2.4m to £2.5m and group pensions and permanent health business from £3.6m to £4.2m. Self-employed pension premiums doubled to £385,000 and executive pension premiums rose from £471,000 to £527,000.

The growth in single premium business came almost entirely from sales of immediate annuities rising from £5.9m to £7.2m. The company maintained very competitive annuity rates during the year. Group pensions single premiums advanced from £1.6m to £1.9m and other single premium business was higher.

NATIONAL FARMERS

The National Farmers Mutual Insurance Society has improved its interim bonus rate on whole life and endowment assurance from 24.50 per cent to 24.90 per cent of the sum assured, ahead of the full declaration due in a couple of months for the three

years to December 31, 1979. On farmers' pension policies, the rate is lifted from 27.50 per cent to 28 per cent of the basic benefit.

The terminal bonus rate on claims during 1980 on life assurance policies will be maintained at 10 per cent, plus 1 per cent for each policy year prior to 1970 based on the total bonuses.

For the farmers' pension policy the rate is lifted from 40 per cent to 50 per cent, plus 1 per cent for each year prior to 1970, of total bonuses.

The company had a good year for new life assurance business, mainly with-profit endowment assurances, with new annual premiums up from £260,000 to £350,000. New sums assured were 13 per cent higher at £64.1m against £56.8m.

Retirement annuity business, however, fell on the year—annual premiums declining by 37 per cent to £780,000 (£1.07m) and single premiums by 3 per cent to £247,000 (£279,000).

SPAIN	
January 11	% + or -
Banco Bilbao	205
Banco Central	220
Banco Exterior	210
Banco Hispano	238
Banco Ind. Cat.	138
Banco Madrid	175
Banco Santander	228
Banco Urquijo	177
Banco Vizcaya	208
Banco Zafra	100
Oruga	100
Española Zinc	58
Fecsa	56.5
Gal. Preciados	38
Hidrovia	61.7
Iberdrola	60.2
Petrolbras	115
Petrobras	73
Sogefia	115
Telefonica	54.7
Union Elect.	61.2

This advertisement is issued in compliance with the requirements of the Council of The Stock Exchange in London. It is not an invitation to any person to subscribe for or purchase any securities of The Boeing Company or its subsidiaries.

The Boeing Company

(Incorporated with limited liability under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America)

Authorised
75,000,000 Shares of Common Stock
(U.S.\$5 par value)
Issued and fully paid
67,523,364

The Council of The Stock Exchange in London has admitted to the Official List all the issued shares of Common Stock of The Boeing Company. Particulars relating to The Boeing Company are available in the statistical service of Ertel Statistical Services Limited and copies of those particulars may be obtained during usual business hours on any weekday (except Saturdays) up to and including 28th January, 1980 from:

Grieverson, Grant and Co.

P.O. Box 191,
59 Gresham Street,
London EC2P 2DS

14th January, 1980

LONDON LISTING FOR BOEING

The Boeing Company, the U.S. aircraft and aerospace group, has its shares admitted to the London exchange from today.

The company applied for the listing through stockbrokers Greaveson Grant and Co. of this type of business. New annual communication with its numerous European shareholders and to enable them to trade its stock on European stock exchanges.

On January 17, the Boeing shares will be granted listings on the Zurich and Geneva Stock Exchanges. The shares have already been listed in Amsterdam and Brussels for two decades.

The company says that 2m of its 64m outstanding shares are held in the UK. There are

several million additional shares held on the Continent. The closing Wall Street price on Friday was \$71.

FT Share Information

The following securities have been added to the Share Information Service appearing in the Financial Times:

Black and Decker Manufacturing Company (Section: Engineering).
Coronation Syndicate (Mines-Central Africa).
Merland Explorations (Overseas-Canada).
Southeast Banking Corporation (Overseas-New York).

M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited

27/28 Lovat Lane London EC3R 8EB Telephone: 01-638 8651

1000's capital/asset	Company	Last Change	Gross price on week Div (p)	Yield %	P/E
4,278	Airspring	74	—	6.7	9.0
550	Armstrong and Rhodes	38	—	3.8	20.0
6,782	Bardon Hill	222	+2	13.8	6.2
6,420	Deborah Ord	83	+1	5.0	5.4
708	Deborah 17% CULS	363	—	17.5	5.0
2,449	Frank Horrell	32	+1	7.9	8.6
15,881	Frederick Parker	110	+2	12.8	11.8
2,300	George Blair	108	+2	16.5	15.8
1,500	Jackson Group	90	+1	5.2	8.7
15,172	James Burrough	115	+1	7.2	6.3
2,550	Robert Jenkins	250	+6	31.3	12.5
3,415	Torday Limited	222	+1	14.3	6.4
2,076	Twinstock Ord	30	+34	0.8	4.2
2,076	Twinstock 12% ULS	16	—	12.0	15.8
7,313	Uniflow Holdings	55	—	2.0	4.6
10,233	Walter Alexander	81	+2	4.4	5.4
4,294	W. S. Yeates	184	—	11.5	6.3

† Accounts prepared under provisions of SSAP 19.

ROMANIAN BANK FOR FOREIGN TRADE

U.S. \$100,000,000

D.M. 100,000,000

MEDIUM TERM LOAN

Managed by

CRÉDIT LYONNAIS DG BANK
Deutsche Genossenschaftsbank

FIRST CHICAGO LIMITED AFFILIATED ROMANIAN BANK GROUP

BANK FÜR GEMEINWIRTSCHAFT AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

Co-Managed by

BANK FÜR ARBEIT UND WIRTSCHAFT AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

BANQUE COMMERCIALE POUR L'EUROPE DU NORD (EUROBANK)

Provided by

CRÉDIT LYONNAIS DG BANK INTERNATIONAL THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO

BIG LUXEMBURG S.A. BANK FÜR ARBEIT UND WIRTSCHAFT AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

BANQUE COMMERCIALE POUR L'EUROPE DU NORD (EUROBANK)

BANQUE FRANCO ROUMAINE S.A. HYPOBANK INTERNATIONAL S.A.

MOSCOW NARODNY BANK LIMITED SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE ANGLO-ROMANIAN BANK LIMITED

MISR ROMANIAN BANK FRANKFURT BUKAREST BANK AG

ALLGEMEINE SPARKASSE IN LINZ

BANCO DI SICILIA CAISSE NATIONALE DE CRÉDIT AGRICOLE

CRÉDIT DU NORD CRÉDIT INDUSTRIEL ET COMMERCIAL

LAVORO BANK OVERSEAS N.V. SOCIÉTÉ CENTRALE DE BANQUE

ZENTRALSPARKASSE UND KOMMERZBANK WIEN CRÉDIT INDUSTRIEL DE L'OUEST

BANQUE ROTHSCHILD REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK OF NEW YORK

SOCIÉTÉ LYONNAISE DE DÉPÔTS ET DE CRÉDIT INDUSTRIEL

TRADE DEVELOPMENT BANK OVERSEAS INC.

Agent

FIRST CHICAGO
LIMITED

January 1980

The British Bank of the Middle East

A Member of The Hongkong Bank Group

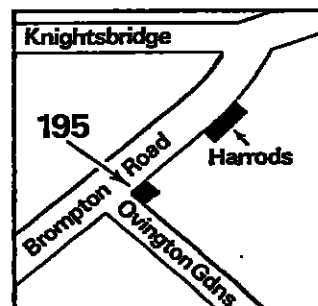
announces the opening of a new branch at

195 Brompton Road SW3 1LZ

under the management of Mr. Nabih Madanat

This branch will undertake all your normal banking requirements. We invite you to make use of these services.

195 Brompton Road
London SW3 1LZ
Telephone: 01-581 0321-4
Telex: 8953831
Telegraph:
Brobaeria London SW3



London Main Office
99 Bishopsgate
London EC2P 2LA
Telephone: 01-638 2366
Telex: 884293
and at
Falcon House
Curzon Street
London W1Y 8AA
Telephone: 01-493 8331
Telex: 27544

WORLDWIDE FUND LIMITED

A commodity futures trading fund

Net Asset Value per \$1 share as at 31st December, 1979, \$15.72.

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE 8% 1971-1980 LOAN OF 15,000,000 EUROPEAN UNITS OF ACCOUNT ISSUED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

In accordance with article 6b of the Terms and Conditions of the issue, the Commonwealth of Australia will redeem all Bonds outstanding, i.e. £100,000,000 on January 30, 1980 at the price of £100.55 per Bond, representing the applicable redemption price of 102.55% plus interest accrued to the redemption date.

Interest will be paid to the holder of the Bond or to any Paying Agent to whom the Bonds are to be presented for payment: the relevant currency on the basis of which conversion of the £100 into the relevant currency will be made in connection with this redemption.

By BANK OF AUSTRALIA
January 1, 1980.

Kelsey Industries Ltd.

Statistics from the Report of the Chairmen, Mr. J. G. Moss, and the accounts for the 12 months to 30 September 1979.

	1978/79	1977/78
Turnover	£23,097	£20,076
Direct exports	8,338	7,027
Profit before tax	2,243	2,139
Profit after tax	1,051	1,158
Ordinary dividends	230	129
	(24%) (14.4435%)	
Total funds retained	1,139	1,351
Net assets	8,886	7,742
Earnings per share	23.3p	26.3p

THE NIPPON CREDIT BANK (CURACAO) FINANCE N.V.

U.S.\$50,000,000
Guaranteed Floating Rate Notes due 1986



Payment of the principal of, and interest on, the Notes is unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by THE NIPPON CREDIT BANK, LTD. (Kabushiki Kaisha Nippon Saiken Shinyo Ginko)

In accordance with the provisions of the Reference Agency Agreement between the Nippon Credit Bank (Curacao) Finance N.V. and Citibank, N.A. dated July 1, 1979, notice is hereby given that the Rate of Interest has been fixed at 14½ p.a., and that an interest payable on the relevant Interest Payment Date, July 14, 1980, against Coupon No. 2 will be U.S.\$72.99 and has been computed on the actual number of days elapsed (182) divided by 360.

By: Citibank, N.A., London
Agent Bank
January 14, 1980

CITIBANK

INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL MARKETS

INTERNATIONAL BONDS

Gold is all that glitters

THE BULLS of gold still have the stage to themselves. The gold price fluctuated strongly last week to settle at \$335 last Friday, a net gain of \$35 on the week.

Trading in the Eurobond markets was thin in all sectors, and only in the strong currency areas was there any real new issue activity. The two Deutsche Mark denominated bonds announced last week during the volume of such paper cleared since December 27, to just over DM 900m, which is a record figure for such a short period.

Since last Fleming wrote for *Euromoney* in the early 1980s, the price of gold has risen 18 times and yet many investors today still prefer to buy bullion. They also choose to put their money on deposit where they can earn more than 14 per cent in six months.

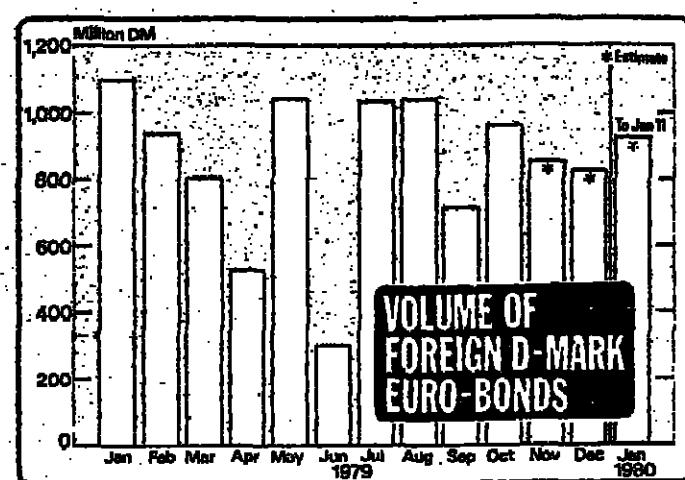
The attractions of straight dollar bonds which offer at the longer end of the maturity range, around 12 per cent remain low considering the multiplying problems in U.S. relations with Iran and the Soviet Union, and the fear that President Carter will make unwarranted financial conces-

sions in an election year. "If all amounts to a hands-off situation for the dollar which may last some time," says Kidder Peabody.

In the absence of any new dollar bonds last week, bar a \$40m convertible for the Japanese food manufacturer, Ajinomoto, trading activity, which was very weak until Thursday, was confined essentially to two types of paper.

Dealers reported some nibbling at the shorter end of the straight dollar sector while the price of these floating rate notes, which are due for a coupon readjustment during the next six weeks were often firmer as many investors still expect a rise in U.S. interest rates.

A firmer dollar last week and a decline in U.S. interest rates failed to have any encouraging effect on investors. Many borrowers, not least U.S. corporations, supranational entities and Western state agencies, are known to be waiting for a new issue window to open. Their need for funds will be great in 1980 as corporate liquidity has deteriorated and high deficits resulting from the crude



oil price rises will grow.

The only dollar bond priced in the new year so far is the \$40m eight-year straight issue for the European Coal and Steel Community. The lead manager, Nomura Securities, had to increase the indicated coupon from 11 1/2 to 11 3/4 per cent to attract more investor demand. A \$250m two-tranche Yankee bond for the European Investment Bank was priced at a discount, as expected. The longer tranche of this issue, which runs

for 19 years, offers the investor a return of 12.05 per cent. Another Yankee bond, possibly for the same borrower, is expected to be announced soon. Overall prices declined by about 1/4 per cent on the week.

What activity there was last week was concentrated in the Swiss franc and Deutsche Mark sectors of the Eurobond markets. Two new issues were announced in the latter a DM 150m public issue for the Inter American Development Bank and a

BY FRANCIS GHILES

CURRENT INTERNATIONAL BOND ISSUES

Borrowers	Amount m	Maturity	Av. life years	Coupon %	Price	Lead manager	Offer 1/2 %
U.S. DOLLARS							
TECSC	40	1988	4 1/2	11 1/2	99 1/2	Nomura Secs.	11.550
TEB	150	1987	7 1/2	11 1/2	99 1/2	First Boston	11.810
TEB	100	1989	13 1/2	11 1/2	98.65	First Boston	12.055
TEB	25	1985	5	7 1/2	100	Chemical Bank	7.120
Ajinomoto Co. Inc.	40	1990	10	7 1/2	100	Nikko Secs., Merrill Lynch, Nomura Europe	7.750
D-MARKS							
Denmark	100	1986	4	7 1/2	100	WestLB	7.875
Denmark	100	1992	9 1/2	7 1/2	100	WestLB	8.250
Denmark (stepped France)	100	1987	7 1/2	8 1/2	100	Dresdner Bank	7.750
Denmark (stepped France)	100	1995	11 1/2	8 1/2	99 1/2	Dresdner Bank	8.184
Ireland	150	1988	8	8 1/2	100	Commerzbank	8.125
Norway	200	1985	5	7 1/2	99 1/2	Deutsche Bank	7.562
Norway	150	1988	8	7 1/2	99 1/2	Deutsche Bank	8.131
Eurolina	20	1988	8	7 1/2	100	Deutsche Girozentrale	7.875
SWISS FRANCS							
Jutland Telephone Co.	50	1990	—	5 1/2	100	UBS	5.530
Generale Occidentale Ind. BV	60	1990	—	5 1/2	—	Soditic, Credit Lyonnais	—
AUSTRIAN SCHILLINGS							
World Bank	1bn	1990	8	8	99 1/2	Creditanstalt	8.075

* Not yet priced. † Final terms. ** Placement. † Floating rate note. ‡ Minimum. § Convertible. ¶ Registered with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. † Purchase Fund. Note: Yields are calculated on AFRS basis.

U.S. BONDS

BY STEWART FLEMING

Gloomy outlook persists

WHILE THE equity markets surged on record trading volume last week, Wall Street's money and bond markets were giving off mixed signals.

Short-term interest rates, most noticeably in the Government and Federal agency sectors, fell sharply — the three-month Treasury Bill rate declined by 49 basis points to 11.68 per cent on the week. (There are 100 basis points in a percentage point.) And six-month bills fell by around 28 basis points, also to 11.68 per cent, according to data prepared by Salomon Brothers.

Three-month commercial paper and certificates of deposit rates fell much less sharply, however, to around 13 per cent and 13.35 per cent respectively. As money market interest rates fell, long bond rates in both the government and corporate sectors were little changed. A rally at the beginning of the week petered out later on. Even the announcement on Thursday that producer prices in December rose at their lowest annual rate since last June (0.6 per cent before compounding) failed to sustain the rally. The comparatively modest increase reflected an actual decline in producer food and

home heating oil prices offset by rises in most other sectors. Even Government economists admitted that these figures provided no reason to change their gloomy forecasts of double-digit inflation again this year — food and heating oil prices are expected shortly to resume their upward march.

With these gloomy interpretations about the inflation news and investors expecting a mounting volume of government financing and corporate bond issues, the long-term markets had little to cheer them. Certainly they could draw no solace from the performance of the dollar or the speculation which continues in previous metals markets and December's 5.9 per cent unemployment figure again appeared to defy forecasts who had been expecting a much steeper rise in unemployment because of the weakening economy.

The Federal Reserve Board's revised data on the performance of the money supply through all of 1979, which showed that M2 increased at an 8.3 per cent rate (just outside the Fed's 8 per cent target) and M1 rose at 5.5 per cent, falling just within the 6 per cent upper tolerance range, was also no help to the

bond market. So far as the decline in Treasury bill rates is concerned some traders attribute this to heavy demand from private investors but this scarcely seems to provide the whole answer. What is apparent is that there is for the moment no pressure for funds in the money markets and this is sparking a debate about whether or not Federal Reserve monetary policy is easing.

Morgan Guaranty Trust, in its weekly money market bulletin, suggests that the low level of borrowed reserves at banks, and a big rise in non-borrowed reserves in the latest banking week, should not be construed as an overt easing by the authorities.

Dr. Henry Kaufman, of Salomon Brothers, and Mr. Elliott Platt, of Donaldson Lufkin Jenrette, are more concerned, however, about the generous supply of reserves to the banking system by the Fed in recent weeks. Dr. Kaufman stresses that an important clue for monetary policy could be forthcoming soon as seasonal factors tend to swell the bank's reserves and the Fed will have to decide whether to keep policy tight by draining funds from the markets.

MERRILL LYNCH

BY MICHAEL LAFFERTY

Big names for a big broker

THE BIG NAMES are in the move in the Eurobond and investment banking world. On Thursday there was news that Mr. Bruce-Joerg Rudloff had resigned as managing director and chief executive of Kidder Peabody International to move to a senior position with Credit Suisse First Boston. Then on Friday everybody was talking about Mr. David Montagu and Mr. John Craven, following the announcement that they were joining Merrill Lynch as chairman and deputy chairman/ chief executive respectively of the Wall Street investment bank's international banking division.

The general reaction to the latter announcement was that Merrill Lynch had pulled off quite a scoop. Mr. Montagu, adding that he had served others for other jobs before finally opting for Merrill Lynch.

Last October he resigned as chairman and chief executive

of Orion Bank. The issue which caused his departure concerned the future direction of Orion. As a consortium bank with six shareholders, it seems that Mr. Montagu had come to the conclusion that the formula had limited future potential.

One of his proposals was that Orion should be bought out by National Westminster, one of the existing shareholders, and then possibly merged with County Bank, the NatWest merchant banking subsidiary. The shareholders disagreed, so Mr. Montagu left a bank he had made a success against all the odds, with compensation for loss of office of £120,000.

Mr. Craven, 39, has a different, though nevertheless spectacular background. A Canadian, he served as accountant by training, he played a key role in the formative years of WWF Trust, the predecessor of Credit Suisse White Weld, and its successor, Credit Suisse First

Boston. He was group chief executive at the time, in early 1978, when the future ownership of the London Eurobond house became an issue. Merrill Lynch had acquired a 30 per cent stake in Credit Suisse White Weld, as a result of its acquisition of White Weld in the U.S. The intriguing question then raised was whether this could form the basis for a more formidable link between Credit Suisse and Merrill.

It never got off the ground. One of the most outspoken opponents of the idea was Mr. Craven. He took a similar attitude to the later arrangement, in July 1978, whereby Credit Suisse White Weld joined with First Boston Corporation through cross-shareholding arrangements. Some of the people involved speculate that Mr. Craven wanted something different for Credit Suisse White Weld. That something, they suggest, would

probably involve less contact with major bank shareholders and far greater independence. This is evidenced by the fact that he resigned when Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation emerged as the new partnership owning his investment bank.

After leaving Credit Suisse First Boston in December, 1978, Mr. Craven rejoined Warburgs, the merchant bank he had left a few years before. He became a vice-chairman of S. G. Warburg, together with three others, and there was much speculation that he was in line for ever greater things.

If this ever was the case—and Mr. Craven strongly denies that it was—the plan did not work out. Certainly it can not have been easy for the former boss of Credit Suisse White Weld to adapt to the new environment at Warburgs, where he was no longer running the show. It is hardly surprising therefore that

he should have been attracted by the prospect of regaining some of that old independence. It is ironic, however, that the opportunity has turned out to be with Merrill Lynch, the giant broking house which he had not been so keen on as a partner in Credit Suisse White Weld.

Together with Mr. Montagu, Mr. Craven's new task will be to expand Merrill Lynch's existing Eurocurrency banking and securities activities, and ultimately to diversifying into domestic merchant banking. This may well involve acquisitions, says Mr. J. Arthur Urcioli, president of Merrill Lynch International. But Mr. Montagu and Mr. Craven will be given a fairly free hand to run their ship, he adds.

Mr. Milan Korman, the previous chairman of Merrill Lynch's international banking group, who remains a director, seems happy with the latest turn of events. "This is a market which loves personalities rather than firms. We felt the one had come to add some muscle at the top. I have no doubt that we will go further, and faster, with these two men."

FT INTERNATIONAL BOND SERVICE

U.S. DOLLAR

Issued	Bid	Offer	Day	Week	Yield
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100

YEN STRAIGHTS

Issued	Bid	Offer	Day	Week	Yield
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100

OTHER STRAIGHTS

Issued	Bid	Offer	Day	Week	Yield
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100
Alcoa of Australia 10 3/8	100	100	100	100	100

BONDTRADE INDEX AND YIELD

Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8
---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	--------	--------

INSURANCE

Protection for directors

BY OUR INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

WHEN a person is appointed to a company board, he or she, as a director of that company, will be holding a position of trust and will be expected to behave accordingly. But what may not be fully appreciated is that directors could be accountable at law for the performance of their duties and be personally held financially liable for any consequences.

In their everyday work, directors need to be mindful of their responsibilities to their company, their shareholders, their employees and to the public. Failure to carry out these responsibilities can result in legal action and heavy damages. The problem is that it is all too easy for the director to be judged at some later date for an act the consequences of which can be seen only with the benefit of hindsight. But reports in recent years have shown some far from innocent actions by directors.

Directors have certain statutory duties—in addition to the well-established common law duty of care and skill in the performance of their work. The Companies Bill, now being discussed in Parliament, is likely to define for the first time the

responsibilities of directors. A shareholder taking action against directors was that instituted by Prudential Assurance against Newmans Industries. The Prudential, which holds 5 per cent of Newmans' equity, brought its action against Mr. Alan Bartlett and Mr. John Loughton, respectively chairman and vice-chairman of Newmans.

But there have been other legal cases over the years, some brought by the authorities. Many others have been settled out of court.

The feature in all these cases has been the large damages and the size of the legal costs. It has been reported that the legal costs in the Prudential-Newmans case were £50,000 a day.

The wrongful act likely to bring about action against directors can originate from bad advice, breach of statute, negligent supervision of delegated authority, the making of unauthorised payments, errors of judgment, or many other circumstances.

A prudent board of directors should not allow itself to take on the risk of one or more of its members being personally taken to task for mistakes and

perhaps being made financially bankrupt. They can now get protection through a directors' and officers' liability insurance scheme much as a professional man can get professional indemnity insurance.

One such scheme, aimed at providing complete protection as possible has been launched by a company appropriately named Directors and Officers' Protection Group, based in Sutton.

Each policy covers all directors on the board and the company's senior officers, providing indemnity against damages, out-of-court settlements and legal fees incurred in defending civil and some criminal proceedings.

Cover is evaluated on an individual basis and thus varies with the company's size and the number of directors. The minimum cover is £500,000, and the maximum £5m, though higher covers can be specially arranged. Premiums are paid by the company.

The scheme does not provide cover against actions of a director as a result of dishonesty, fraud or malicious conduct and does not offer protection against libel or slander.

APPOINTMENTS

Management changes in Hawker Siddeley group

Mr. G. W. Downs has been appointed a director of CROMPTON PARKINSON, Guiseley, Leeds. Mr. D. J. Edwards becomes a director of CROMPTON PARKINSON VIDOR, Dundee and South Shields. Mr. W. T. Grant has joined the Board of HAWKER SIDDELEY POWER PLANTS, Thurupp, Guiseley, as technical director. Mr. R. D. Johnson has been made general manager of CROMPTON ELECTRIC, Tredegar, Gwent. Mr. E. F. Pluck has been appointed to the Board of HAWKER SIDDELEY POWER TRANSFORMERS, Walthamstow, Essex, as works director.

Mr. Keith Woodbridge has been appointed managing director of Hawker Siddeley Aircraft, executive director of the INTERNATIONAL MONETARY MARKET's European representative office which opens in London today at 27 Throgmorton Street.

Mr. Bernard L. Jones has resigned from signed from HALL, GRAHAM, BRADFORD AND COMPANY, stockbrokers, as an associated member.

Mr. Victor Bagwell, a vice president of the Business Equipment Trade Association, has been appointed president of the EUROPEAN STEEL

OFFICE FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS' FEDERATION (FEMF)

Mr. D. L. Tucker has been appointed to the Board of M AND G SECURITIES, as managing director.

Mr. Iver R. Goddard has been appointed money manager of EURO-LATINAMERICAN BANK in succession to Mr. Geoffrey E. Field, who becomes consultant to the bank on money market matters prior to retirement.

Mr. J. W. Morgan has retired from the Board of BUCKLEY'S BREWERY, having been a director for 12 years and employed by the company since 1931. His place on the Board in a non-executive capacity is taken by Mr. Martin D. Richards, a solicitor, whose father and grandfather before him were directors.

Mr. Stephen Hinds has been appointed a manager, with responsibility for operations, at NORDIC BANK.

The insurance broking office of T. Bowring (London) at Rofford was reconstituted from January 1 as a separate company now trading in the name of C. T. BOWRING (EASTERN). Chairman is Mr. R. A. Mackie; chief executive, Mr. V. G.

Houghes; directors: Mr. A. Chisholm, Mr. P. E. Craig, Mr. D. C. Rowe, and Mr. D. E. Swan; assistant director, Mr. G. G. Chandler.

Mr. D. A. J. Doyle has been appointed a director of ANGLO-AMERICAN ASPHALT COMPANY. He is managing director of Asid Holdings, which has recently become a subsidiary of Anglo American Asphalt.

Mr. Alan Emery, who joined FAIRVIEW ESTATES in October, 1978, as a building manager, has been appointed to the company's managing board, with special responsibility for the financial control of the company's residential building activities.

At Hellenman Insuloid, Mr. Walter Bourne, until now the division's managing director, has become chairman; the new managing director is Mr. David Latham. Newly appointed to the Board are Mr. Tony Culliffe and Mr. A. S. G. MacAvish.

Mr. Keith Chisholm, Hellenman Electric's sales and marketing director, has been appointed sales and marketing director of the new healthshrink division. The position of sales and marketing director, cable accessories division, has been taken by Mr. Andrew Goodburn. Both divisions are subsidiaries of ROWTHORPE HOLDINGS GROUP.

EUROPEAN OPTIONS EXCHANGE

Series	Jan.		April		July		Stock
	Vol.	Last	Vol.	Last	Vol.	Last	
AKZ C	F.25.80	5	12	3	—	—	F.24.30
AKZ C	F.25.80	—	28	1.60	85	2.10	"
AKZ C	F.25.80	—	—	1.70	13	1.30	"
AKZ C	F.25.80	—	—	0	6	0.70	"
AKZ P	F.22.80	—	15	30	—	—	"
AKZ P	F.27.00	5	2.30	2	0.60	—	"
AKZ P	F.25.80	—	—	5.70	—	—	"
AKZ P	F.25.80	—	—	0.80	3	5.80	"
AKZ P	F.25.80	—	—	4	2.80	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	3	—	—	F.65.80
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	1	64	F.69.80	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—	—	—	—	—	"
AKZ C	F.440	—					

AUTHORISED UNIT TRUSTS

[illegible]

Equity & Law Unit, Tr. M.P.	74.00	(a)(b)
Equities Ltd, High Wycombe	89.00	
Equity Ltd, London	77.00	+74.1
Fidelity International Managers	65.00	+61.2
65-67, Gower St., London, EC4A 3DF	61.20	
Equity & Law Unit, Tr. M.P.	74.00	(a)(b)
Equities Ltd, High Wycombe	89.00	
Equity Ltd, London	77.00	+74.1
Fidelity International Managers	65.00	+61.2
65-67, Gower St., London, EC4A 3DF	61.20	
James Finlay Unit Trust Mgmt. Ltd.	11.00	
11-13, West Hill Street, Glasgow	10.20	
1 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
2 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
3 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
4 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
5 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
6 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
7 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
8 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
9 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
10 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
11 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
12 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
13 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
14 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
15 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
16 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
17 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
18 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
19 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
20 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
21 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
22 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
23 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
24 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
25 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
26 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
27 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
28 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
29 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
30 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
31 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
32 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
33 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
34 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
35 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
36 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
37 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
38 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
39 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
40 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
41 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
42 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
43 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
44 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
45 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
46 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
47 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
48 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
49 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
50 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
51 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
52 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
53 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
54 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
55 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
56 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
57 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
58 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
59 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
60 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
61 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
62 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
63 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
64 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
65 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
66 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
67 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
68 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
69 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
70 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
71 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
72 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
73 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
74 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
75 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
76 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
77 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
78 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
79 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
80 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
81 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
82 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
83 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
84 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
85 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
86 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
87 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
88 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
89 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
90 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
91 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
92 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
93 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
94 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
95 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
96 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
97 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
98 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
99 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
100 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
101 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
102 Finlay Intersect	11.00	
103 Finlay Intersect	11.00	

[illegible][illegible][illegible]

London A1	329	0.2837500	
London B	329	0.2837500	
London C	329	0.2837500	
London D	329	0.2837500	
London E	329	0.2837500	
London F	329	0.2837500	
London G	329	0.2837500	
London H	329	0.2837500	
London I	329	0.2837500	
London J	329	0.2837500	
London K	329	0.2837500	
London L	329	0.2837500	
London M	329	0.2837500	
London N	329	0.2837500	
London O	329	0.2837500	
London P	329	0.2837500	
London Q	329	0.2837500	
London R	329	0.2837500	
London S	329	0.2837500	
London T	329	0.2837500	
London U	329	0.2837500	
London V	329	0.2837500	
London W	329	0.2837500	
London X	329	0.2837500	
London Y	329	0.2837500	
London Z	329	0.2837500	
London AA	329	0.2837500	
London AB	329	0.2837500	
London AC	329	0.2837500	
London AD	329	0.2837500	
London AE	329	0.2837500	
London AF	329	0.2837500	
London AG	329	0.2837500	
London AH	329	0.2837500	
London AI	329	0.2837500	
London AJ	329	0.2837500	
London AK	329	0.2837500	
London AL	329	0.2837500	
London AM	329	0.2837500	
London AN	329	0.2837500	
London AO	329	0.2837500	
London AP	329	0.2837500	
London AQ	329	0.2837500	
London AR	329	0.2837500	
London AS	329	0.2837500	
London AT	329	0.2837500	
London AU	329	0.2837500	
London AV	329	0.2837500	
London AW	329	0.2837500	
London AX	329	0.2837500	
London AY	329	0.2837500	
London AZ	329	0.2837500	
London BA	329	0.2837500	
London BB	329	0.2837500	
London BC	329	0.2837500	
London BD	329	0.2837500	
London BE	329	0.2837500	
London BF	329	0.2837500	
London BG	329	0.2837500	
London BH	329	0.2837500	
London BI	329	0.2837500	
London BJ	329	0.2837500	
London BK	329	0.2837500	
London BL	329	0.2837500	
London BM	329	0.2837500	
London BN	329	0.2837500	
London BO	329	0.2837500	
London BP	329	0.2837500	
London BQ	329	0.2837500	
London BR	329	0.2837500	
London BS	329	0.2837500	
London BT	329	0.2837500	
London BU	329	0.2837500	
London BV	329	0.2837500	
London BW	329	0.2837500	
London BX	329	0.2837500	
London BY	329	0.2837500	
London BZ	329	0.2837500	
London CA	329	0.2837500	
London CB	329	0.2837500	
London CC	329	0.2837500	
London CD	329	0.2837500	
London CE	329	0.2837500	
London CF	329	0.2837500	
London CG	329	0.2837500	
London CH	329	0.2837500	
London CI	329	0.2837500	
London CJ	329	0.2837500	
London CK	329	0.2837500	
London CL	329	0.2837500	
London CM	329	0.2837500	
London CN	329	0.2837500	
London CO	329	0.2837500	
London CP	329	0.2837500	
London CQ	329	0.2837500	
London CR	329	0.2837500	
London CS	329	0.2837500	
London CT	329	0.2837500	
London CU	329	0.2837500	
London CV	329	0.2837500	
London CW	329	0.2837500	
London CX	329	0.2837500	
London CY	329	0.2837500	
London CZ	329	0.2837500	
London DA	329	0.2837500</	

[illegible][illegible][illegible][illegible]

Call		Chase Energy	\$56
01-256 9107		Chasman, Henry	\$124
=	612	Chasman, Managed	\$25
=	632	Chasman, Conalty	\$07
		Magna Bldg Soc.	=
		Magna Manager	=

L.P. (x)		Chiefs Assurance Fund	
01-236 3000		11 New Street, E22M-4TP.	
+A 6.39		Managed Growth	\$28.81
+B 10.21		Managed Income	\$16.07
		International (2)	\$5.9
		High Income	\$2.45
		Income & Growth	\$2.45
		Basic Resources	\$2.45
		American (2)	\$07.35
=	4.47	Pac Eastern (x)	\$07.59
=	4.47	Cash	\$07.59

1584	1648	1650	1651	1652	1653	1654	1655	1656	1657	1658	1659	1660	1661	1662	1663	1664	1665	1666	1667	1668	1669	1670	1671	1672	1673	1674	1675	1676	1677	1678	1679	1680	1681	1682	1683	1684	1685	1686	1687	1688	1689	1690	1691	1692	1693	1694	1695	1696	1697	1698	1699	1700	1701	1702	1703	1704	1705	1706	1707	1708	1709	1710	1711	1712	1713	1714	1715	1716	1717	1718	1719	1720	1721	1722	1723	1724	1725	1726	1727	1728	1729	1730	1731	1732	1733	1734	1735	1736	1737	1738	1739	1740	1741	1742	1743	1744	1745	1746	1747	1748	1749	1750	1751	1752	1753	1754	1755	1756	1757	1758	1759	1760	1761	1762	1763	1764	1765	1766	1767	1768	1769	1770	1771	1772	1773	1774	1775	1776	1777	1778	1779	1780	1781	1782	1783	1784	1785	1786	1787	1788	1789	1790	1791	1792	1793	1794	1795	1796	1797	1798	1799	1800	1801	1802	1803	1804	1805	1806	1807	1808	1809	1810	1811	1812	1813	1814	1815	1816	1817	1818	1819	1820	1821	1822	1823	1824	1825	1826	1827	1828	1829	1830	1831	1832	1833	1834	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839	1840	1841	1842	1843	1844	1845	1846	1847	1848	1849	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1862	1863	1864	1865	1866	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	20
------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	----

Ast. Exp.	\$6.7	61%	1.86
Ser. Min.	59.5	54.8	1.36
Pac. Pacific	52.7	47.3	-
In. Income	52.7	47.3	20.20
Major Mutual	51.8	39.4	11.40
		54.2	1.5

Congress Community Ser. Ltd.		
Box 42, Douglas, I.O.M.		0624-29971
C. Jan 7	US\$81.87	--
C. Jan 7	1.24	--
C. Jan 7	1.24	--
C. Jan 7	1.24	1.35
ly based at \$1.0 and =1. Next mt. Feb. 4.		

Congress Progressive - Lda. Agents		
Congress, EC2N SAD	3.54	01-588 6280
Dec. Dec. 19	R\$33.38	2.12
Dec. Dec. 20	112.70	--

K.C. Account	\$0.55	9.90
K.C. Eurobond Fd.		
K.C. Inst. Bond Fd.	53.46	16.5
K.C. Int. Bond Fd. Inc.	US\$977.00	2.50
K.C. Int. Bond Fd. Inc.	US\$101.90	
K.C. Int. Bond Fd. Acc.	US\$3.78	
K.C. Int. Bond Fd.	US\$3.78	0.07
K.C. Spec. Fund	US\$3.78	
K.C. Spec. Fund	US\$3.78	
K.C. Spec. Fund	US\$3.78	
K.C. U.S. Govt. Bond Fd.	US\$10.22	2.45
K.C. U.S. Govt. Bond Fd.	US\$10.22	
Signal Barracks	US\$5.09	

Lazard Brothers & Co. (Jersey) Ltd.
 P.O. Box 108, St. Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0554
 L.B. External Fund - US\$0.61 9.17+0.02


Continued on previous page

OFFSHORE & OVERSEAS FUNDS

[illegible]

Continued on previous page

FINANCE, LAND—Continued



OAKSASIN

SECURITIES CO. LTD.

London Branch: Buckingham House, 62-63
Queen St., London EC4A 1AD TUX: 9811151
A/B OAKSASIN Tel: 01-268 5044

MINES—Continued

CENTRAL AFRICAN

Dividends Paid	Stock	Price	Last	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	YTD
May	Nov. Falcon	280	24.9	05-24	—	—	—	—	2.2 (17.8)
May	Nov. Falcon R50c	260	24.9	01-00	—	—	—	—	9.12 (2.8)
May	Nov. Iron Ore	280	24.9	01-00	—	—	—	—	9.12 (2.8)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R1	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R2	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R3	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R4	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R5	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R6	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R7	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R8	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R9	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R10	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R11	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R12	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R13	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R14	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R15	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R16	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R17	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R18	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R19	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R20	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R21	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R22	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R23	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R24	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R25	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R26	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R27	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R28	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R29	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R30	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R31	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R32	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R33	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R34	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R35	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R36	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R37	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R38	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R39	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R40	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R41	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R42	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R43	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R44	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R45	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R46	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R47	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R48	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R49	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R50	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R51	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R52	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R53	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R54	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R55	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R56	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R57	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R58	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R59	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R60	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R61	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R62	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R63	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R64	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R65	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R66	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R67	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R68	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R69	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R70	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R71	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R72	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R73	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R74	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R75	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R76	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R77	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R78	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R79	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R80	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R81	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R82	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R83	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R84	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R85	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R86	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R87	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R88	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R89	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R90	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R91	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R92	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R93	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R94	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R95	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R96	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R97	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R98	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R99	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R100	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R101	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R102	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R103	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R104	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R105	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R106	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R107	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R108	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R109	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R110	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R111	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R112	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R113	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R114	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R115	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R116	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R117	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R118	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R119	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R120	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R121	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R122	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R123	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R124	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R125	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R126	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R127	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R128	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R129	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R130	225	24	00-125	—	—	—	—	5.10 (7.7)
Nov.	Nov. Ruanan C. Kc R131								

Hopes of deal on hostages dashed

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE IRANIAN government yesterday dashed hopes in the United Nations that an accommodation could be reached on the hostages in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran without an American motion for economic sanctions against Iran being put to the vote.

Prospects of a second Soviet veto within a week in the UN Security Council increased last night as the council moved towards a vote on the issue. It was delayed twice at the weekend as UN officials sought clarification of a message from Tehran.

It became clear yesterday, however, that the message in a letter to Dr. Kurt Waldheim, the UN Secretary-General, did not amount to a new initiative.

Mr. Sadegh Qotbzadeh, the Iranian Foreign Minister, told Dr. Waldheim that the only solution to the hostage's plight was an international inquiry commission into the alleged crimes of the Shah, as they had discussed during the Secretary-General's recent visit.

But this commission alone would not be enough—Iran still demanded the extradition of the Shah and the return to Iran of his property.

In the letter Mr. Qotbzadeh warned that if the Security Council's decisions were not in accordance with Iran's demands, they would be considered null and void.

The Security Council vote might be postponed again. Non-aligned members, whose support is critical for the American initiative, were said last night to be eager to allow even more time for further contacts between Dr. Waldheim and the Iranians, but Mr. Donald McHenry, the U.S. representative, was growing increasingly impatient over the delays.

Continued from Page 1

Rhodesia

and German contractors, while it is almost certain that the two aircraft needed for the London to Salisbury run will be second-hand Boeing 707s.

The development plan also calls for about R\$1,050bn (£1.1bn) to be spent building four hydro-electric power stations on the Zambezi. About \$670m of this is likely to be spent overseas.

The entire Rhodesian railway network is due for electrification in the next 10 years, with total expenditure likely to be about R\$500m (£535m).

About R\$30m (£30m) of this, say the British directors, is to be spent shortly on new locomotives.

The British team said many areas of Rhodesian industry and agriculture needed re-equipping. Almost all the country's tractor fleet needed replacement. Export opportunities would arise from building much-needed schools and houses, particularly for Africans.

Other opportunities would emerge as the tourist industry developed. There were plans to moderate telephone systems. The delegation members said among political contacts it had not noted any strong determination for widespread nationalisation of overseas companies in Rhodesia, but a number of parties were in favour of joint venture schemes in some cases.

Mr. Moorfoot said prospects were good for some areas of the Rhodesian economy, particularly for mining and agriculture. British companies should not automatically assume that they would resume the dominant position they held formerly in the Rhodesian market.

An 11-man exploratory mission organised by the Confederation of British Industry leaves London today for Rhodesia for a week.

Italian trade gap widens

BY RUPERT CORNWELL IN ROME

AN ITALIAN trade deficit of L1,458bn (£310m) for last November—more than double the previous record monthly shortfall—has emphasised the mounting difficulties which face the Italian economy at the start of 1980.

The figures released yesterday by ISTAT, the Italian statistics institute, are still provisional. But they raise the accumulated deficit for the first 11 months of last year to L3,017bn (£1,67bn), compared with a surplus of L197bn (£109bn) in the same period of 1978.

This evidence of the weakening in Italy's competitive position could well cause further

problems for the lira, which has been under intermittent pressure since mid-autumn.

With inflation running at almost 20 per cent, the Bank of Italy has lifted its discount rate in two stages since October, bringing it up from 10.5 per cent to 15 per cent.

But yesterday's figures will probably add fuel to the argument over whether further deflationary action—if not a downward adjustment of the currency—is necessary to gain tighter control of events.

The November deficit almost certainly is freakishly high, reflecting heavy stockpiling of raw materials as well as higher oil

prices, in anticipation of further price increases.

The high level of imports in November, up 16 per cent on a monthly basis, and 37 per cent on an annual basis, also indicate that the economy's dynamism continued well into the autumn, beyond the expectations of many analysts.

Industrial production figures for November, released yesterday, show output was still running at more than 6 per cent above 1978 levels, and the signs are that in the north of Italy at least, this trend may have continued up to Christmas.

The trade returns also show that Italy was not only in deficit

on oil products, by an unprecedented L1,200bn in November, but that other items, on which the country has normally achieved a substantial surplus, also dropped into the red, by L258bn.

This depressing development follows growing problems in deficit sectors, including foodstuffs and chemicals, as well as a fall in the surpluses in traditionally strong export sectors like textiles and engineering goods.

In the first 11 months of 1979, total exports rose 29.3 per cent to L52,735bn, but imports grew even faster to L55,752bn. The oil deficit alone climbed to L3,259bn, from L4,262bn.

Saudis try to dispel fears in wake of Mosque attack

BY DAVID PALMER IN RIYADH

THE SAUDI Royal Family yesterday used the occasion of the visit by Lord Carrington, the British Foreign Secretary, to stage a Press conference to give the authorised version of the attack on the Grand Mosque at Mecca.

This is the first time that the ruling family has felt it necessary to discuss the country's internal politics in public. That a Press conference should be held at all is a measure of its anxiety at the impression left in the Arab and Islamic world over the Mecca incident.

The attack, followed as it was by the Russian invasion of Afghanistan, has caused considerable questioning within Saudi Arabia about the direction

the country is going and its relations with the outside world.

Prince Nayef, Minister of the Interior, stressed to the Arab, British and other foreign journalists attending the Press conference the continuing stability of the kingdom and the ability of the Royal Family to protect the Moslem Holy Places.

The Interior Ministry had to display a motley collection of 14 rifles and sub-machine guns, eight pistols, four swords and various varieties of ammunition that were used by the 200-odd attackers on the mosque. The weapons ranged from a pre-war Spanish bolt-action rifle to a nickel-plated Russian AK-47 rifle.

Prince Nayef emphasised that there was no evidence that any

third country had been involved in the attack, nor that the weapons had been specifically supplied by a hostile nation for the purpose.

On the contrary, the main thrust of his remarks was that the attack had been launched by "a clique of renegades" who were ill-organised, badly trained, and uneducated.

Meanwhile, Lord Carrington yesterday had a long meeting with Prince Saud, the Saudi Foreign Minister, after arriving here from two days of talks in the Sultanate of Oman. Today he has audiences with King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd before leaving for Pakistan.

From there he will travel to New Delhi before returning to London.

French bank in securities talks

By Arnold Krasnoff

SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE, the state-owned French banking group, is negotiating with London brokers Strauss Turnbull and Co. about co-operating in the securities business.

This was disclosed yesterday by Mr. James Turnbull, a senior partner in Strauss Turnbull.

The discussions are thought to include the acquisition of Strauss's Eurobond operations and a stake in the brokerage company, although Mr. Turnbull would not confirm this.

"These could well be the areas of specific interest but nothing has yet come to fruition. Any disclosure would be premature since a lengthy process of obtaining approval of the London Stock Exchange is needed," he added.

Long-standing

Mr. Turnbull confirmed that discussions had been taking place for some months but he would not speculate on how long negotiations might take.

In Paris, Société Générale denied the comment.

Strauss Turnbull, which has a large volume of overseas business, is a long-standing dealer in the Eurobond market. Together with White Weld, it played a large part in establishing the Eurobond market in the 1960s.

Société Générale figures among the top echelons on Eurobond underwriting groups but is not yet considered as a major force in bond trading.

A stock exchange spokesman said an outside interest in UK broking companies was not unusual. But in the case of a partnership, normal Stock Exchange rules would limit an outside shareholder to no more than one-ninth of the company's equity.

Weather

UK TODAY

COLD front and brighter weather covering northern England will move south. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have scattered snow showers with sunny intervals.

E. Midlands, E. Anglia, London, Southern England. Rain or sleet. Bright intervals later. Max. 6C. (41F.).

Northern and E. England, W. Midlands, Wales.

Rain or sleet. Becoming brighter with scattered showers. Snow on hills. Max. 5C. (41F.).

N. Ireland, Western Scotland. Showers with sunny intervals. Snow on hills.

N.E. Scotland, Orkney, Shetland. Snow showers; sometimes heavy. Gales on coasts and hills.

Outlook: Cold with sunny intervals and showers. Snow in north and east. Frost.

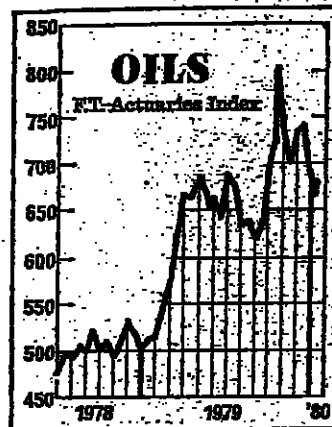
WORLDWIDE

Y'day	midday	Y'day	midday
°C	°F	°C	°F
Alacero	10	Locarno	10
Amsterdam	8	London	8
Bahrain	18	Luxemb	8
Barcelona	13	Madrid	7
Bombay	37	Manila	28
Buenos Aires	15	Mexico	10
Cairo	28	Montreal	4
Calcutta	30	Moscow	1
Cardiff	10	Mumbai	24
Chennai	30	Naples	11
Colombo	30	Norwich	2
Copenhagen	10	Osaka	11
Cork	10	Paris	12
Dublin	10	Perth	12
Edinburgh	10	Rome	12
Geneva	10	Salt Lake	12
Hamburg	10	Seoul	12
Helsinki	10	Singapore	28
Istanbul	10	Sri Lanka	28
Jakarta	30	Taipei	12
Johannesburg	10	Tokyo	12
London	8	Toronto	12
Los Angeles	10	Vancouver	12
Lyons	10	Wellington	12
Madrid	7	Zurich	12
Manila	28		
Mexico	10		
Montreal	4		
Moscow	1		
Mumbai	24		
Naples	11		
Norwich	2		
Osaka	11		
Paris	12		
Perth	12		
Rome	12		
Salt Lake	12		
Seoul	12		
Singapore	28		
Sri Lanka	28		
Taipei	12		
Tokyo	12		
Toronto	12		
Vancouver	12		
Wellington	12		
Zurich	12		

Sunny, Fair, Fog, Rain, Snow, Sleet, Snow.

THE LEX COLUMN

Refining BNOC's market plans



last year will have brought substantial profits, and assets employed will have climbed from \$150 to nearly \$1bn, financed to the extent of around 60 per cent by debt.

Exploration hopes

The semi-official view of the present asset value seems to be as high as \$2bn, but most analysts find themselves unable to arrive at that figure except by putting BNOC's reserves in at something above the current price of \$30 a barrel, and by ascribing a high value to the exploration acreage. It is hard to see \$2bn as a conservative estimate, and the stock market would probably value BNOC at considerably less—unless, of course the oil price went wild again, which looks unlikely in the short term.

It will probably take almost as long for Parliament to approve legislation that will enable the sale to go ahead as for a prospectus to be drawn up giving a convincing valuation basis and a clear description of the Government's role in setting policy for the new BNOC. The earliest feasible date for an issue may be the beginning of 1981, which suggests that it may be difficult to fit the whole of the sale (assuming that it will be partly paid, on the lines of the two BP offers) into the 1980-81 financial year.

Trading rift

By then some sort of accommodation may have been reached between the other North Sea production companies and BNOC Trading— with which an independent BNOC production/exploration entity would presumably be required to deal with on an arm's-length basis. At the moment there is an open rift between the producers and BNOC Trading, not only over the new contract price of \$30 a barrel, but over the way in which BNOC manages its third party sales of participation crude.

Under the present system BNOC buys crude oil from the producers and sells it on at contract price to its customers, some of which are competitors of the North Sea producers. The producers are then left to buy their own marginal requirements in the spot market at a far higher price.

"As an Insurance Advisor, and self-employed, I recommend clients to choose the policy I chose myself."

The Crusader Personal Pension Plan. Designed specifically with self-employed people; controlling directors, or non-pensionable employees in mind.

Its popularity lies in flexibility. This is the policy that clients can start at any age. It'll give them maximum tax-relief possible whilst working, and either a pension or capital sum and reduced pension on retirement.

Premium payments can be variable, as salaries of the self-employed do tend to fluctuate. Your clients choose when the pension's to start (any time between 60th and 75th birthday), how often it's paid, and the length of guaranteed period. They can opt for a cash sum and reduced pension, or even transfer the whole capital sum to an annuity with a different company. And these decisions needn't be finalised until the pension actually starts.

These options, along with our experience, add up to make this Crusader policy more attractive to clients.

The fact that we were in the top 5 for performance last year should make us more attractive to you.

Why not find out more about our Personal Pension Plan? And make the choice for your clients, before they make it themselves.

CRUSADER
 Always the best policy.

Crusader Insurance Co. Ltd.
 Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8BL. Tel: 07372 42424.



New development centre for British Gas

BY DAVID FISLOCK, SCIENCE EDITOR

BRITISH GAS will open a development centre in Yorkshire as part of a £300m commitment to new technologies for making substitute natural gas (SNG).

This was disclosed by Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of British Gas, in an interview on the Corporation's long-range plans for maintaining natural gas supplies throughout Britain.

Sir Denis said although Britain's reserve base of offshore gas supplies was "still climbing", the corporation had undertaken a major commitment to the manufacture of methane at high pressure—substitute natural gas—from a range of potential feedstocks.

He favoured methane rather than hydrogen as the safer fuel at high pressure, and one in

which Britain had already invested heavily for both transmission and the conversion of appliances.

The development centre, at Killingholme, on the Humber, will be used for large-scale demonstrations of SNG from various oil feedstocks, in the same way as the Westfield Development Centre in Scotland is used to develop processes for making SNG from coals.

Killingholme, like Westfield, is the site of a former gasworks. The corporation hopes to have it operating again by 1982. Its new technology has already been demonstrated on plant "most of the world regards as rather large-scale development," said Sir Denis.

At Killingholme, two basic technologies developed by

British gas will be taken to the stage of large scale prototype plants. One is its catalytic process, believed suitable for making SNG from the lighter oil fractions up to gas oil which can be vaporised.

The corporation plans to use its pressurised fluidised-bed process for heavier fractions, including residuals and untreated crudes. This is at an advanced stage of research. The process will handle feedstocks which would poison or clog the catalytic process.

Westfield, which employs about 150, will continue as the site for demonstrating the manufacture of SNG from coals. It is building a substantially larger version of its highly successful "slagging gasifier" and testing the coals which

Britain expects to be mining in 20 years' time.

Its biggest project, on which Sir Denis expects to spend about £18m in the next two to three years, is the development of a more complex reactor called the composite gasifier.

This would be capable of consuming the entire output of a coalmine, which can include as much as 50 per cent of fine coal.

The corporation expects to spend about £300m in the next two decades in bringing the various facets of SNG technology to the stage of commercial demonstration. In addition to its £35m research and development programme, it has started to spend £10m to £15m a year on large SNG demonstrations.

Labour plans Commons attack over steel strike

BY PHILIP RAWSTORNE

THE GOVERNMENT faces a renewed and determined Labour attack on its industrial policies, particularly its handling of the steel strike, when Parliament reassembles today after the Christmas recess.

A strong defence of the Government's non-intervention in the strike is expected from Sir Keith Joseph, Industry Secretary. He will reject any idea of additional Government support for the steel industry beyond the £450m already committed for 1980-81, which brings total Government aid to £3.5bn in the past six years.

A full debate on the industry will be held on Thursday, when the Government is likely to come under pressure from its own backbenches to speed the passage of its Employment Bill provisions against secondary picketing through the Commons.

Labour's attack on Government industrial policy will also

be focused on the proposed 29 per cent increase in gas prices. Mr. David Howell, Energy Secretary, may make a Commons statement on this and the Government's policy on fuel prices in general.

The Afghanistan situation will be the main foreign issue occupying the Commons. Labour leaders are expected to give general support to the Government's backing for the U.S. measures against the Soviet Union and, in principle, for the plans to co-ordinate Britain's response with that of her NATO allies and EEC partners.

But the issue, with its implications for détente and defence, could become entangled in the row over defence policy now brewing in the Labour Party. Labour MPs will discuss this on Wednesday after angry differences between the Shadow Cabinet and Left-wingers over nuclear arms.

Continued from Page 1

Afghanistan

countries in a way that would disrupt their commercial sales. David Satter reports from Moscow. Mr. Brezhnev yesterday accused the West of telling "mountains of lies" and mounting a "shameless anti-Soviet campaign" over the Afghanistan issue.

Answering questions from a correspondent of the Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, Mr. Brezhnev lent his full authority to the Soviet claim to have saved Afghanistan from external aggression. He also gave notice that the Soviet Union intends to answer criticism in the coming months by repeating virtually verbatim the version of events given early this month to President Jimmy Carter and described by President Carter as "obviously false."

Mr. Brezhnev further signalled what may be the beginning of a concerted Soviet attempt to exploit differences between the United States and Western Europe.